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Govt to reopen illegal mining cases, says CM

Fast-track courts to probe 'B' reports from 2006-2011

BENGALURU, DHNS

The Congress government has decided to reopen illegal mining cases in which 'B' reports were filed, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah announced in the Assembly on Friday.

Siddaramaiah also said that fast-track courts will be set up to try illegal mining cases based on the recommendations of a Cabinet sub-committee.

This pertains to the mega illegal mining that took place between 2006 and 2011 "in which politicians who were in power, businessmen, officials and others conspired to loot the state's wealth", Siddaramaiah said in a statement in the Assembly.

Citing the Lokayukta report, Siddaramaiah said 2.98 crore tonnes of iron ore worth Rs 12,228 crore was illegally exported. This was an average of Rs 4,103 per tonne. "For the remaining 16.09 crore tonnes that were illegally exported, the government lost Rs 66,107 crore based on the Lokayukta's estimate. In total, 19.07 crore tonnes were illegally exported, causing the government an estimated loss of Rs 78,245 crore," he said.

A special investigation team (SIT) on illegal mining has submitted 'B' reports to courts in 29 cases. A 'B' report is filed when investigators find no evidence against the accused.

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'Mass hysteria' behind stadium stampede: Siddu

BENGALURU, DHNS

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Friday blamed "mass hysteria" for the June 4 Chinnaswamy stadium stampede that killed 11 people and injured 71, and accused the Opposition BJP-JD(S) of adding to the frenzy on that day.

He was responding to a debate on the stampede, initiated last week in the Legislative Assembly by Leader of the Opposition R Ashoka.

"There's a mass hysteria around Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) even though it's not the state's official team and has only two players from Karnataka. Some people think it's Bengaluru's identity. They won the IPL for the first time in 18 years. No matter how much we oppose it, we sometimes have to bow down to the aspirations of the people," the chief minister said.

Siddaramaiah recollected that on the morning of June 4, he had told his then political secretary, K. Govindaraju, who was sacked two days later, that he wouldn't attend the felicitation ceremony since RCB is not Karnataka's team.

The chief minister then trained his guns on the BJP-JD (S) combine, stating that they had criticised the government for denying permission for a victory procession of the IPL team.

"Even the Opposition had attempted to make use of the mass hysteria. The BJP had tweeted on its official handle that Home Minister G Parameshwara was inept and inefficient for denying permission to RCB to come in an open van. If we hadn't given permission, they would have fought against that also," the chief minister said.

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HDK case: SC rejects state's plea

The Supreme Court on Friday dismissed a plea filed by the Karnataka government against the high court's order which held that an FIR against Union Minister H D Kumaraswamy in 2024 cannot be relied upon to seek cancellation of bail granted to him in a 2014 mining case.

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WC matches shifted from B'luru

The Karnataka State Cricket Association's (KSCA) hopes of hosting ICC Women's World Cup matches at the Chinnaswamy Stadium received a body blow after the police imposed 10 strict guidelines. Following this, the ICC decided to shift the matches to Mumbai.

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India to build homegrown jet's engines with French firm

Safran to make AMCA engines in collaboration with DRDO

KALYAN RAY
NEW DELHI, DHNS

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh during a meeting with women military officers participating in the United Nations Peacekeeping mission, in New Delhi, on Friday. PTI

In a major development on India's future combat aircraft development, Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Friday said the country would collaborate with French major Safran to develop engines for homegrown fifth-generation fighter aircraft — the Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA).

"We have taken steps to build fifth-generation fighter aircraft. We have also moved towards manufacturing the aircraft's engine in India. We are about to start engine-manufacturing work in India with the French company Safran," Rajnath said here.

The minister's announcement at a conclave was the first official word on the selection of a partner for the critical engine development. The two other companies in the fray were the US' General Electric and the UK's Rolls-Royce.

The French major is expected to partner with the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) to develop the engine, which may power the later versions of the AMCA because engine development is a prolonged procedure.

In May, the Defence Ministry approved the "execution model" for the AMCA programme, setting in motion a government-backed scheme to design, develop, and manufacture fifth-generation combat jets for the Indian Air Force.

The Bengaluru-based Aeronautical Development Agency was selected as the lead organisation to execute the programme with industry partnership, be it in the public or private sector.

The Union government's go-ahead came more than a year after the Cabinet Committee on Security greenlit the AMCA project, sanctioning Rs 15,000 crore to design and develop five prototypes.

Safran Aircraft Engine is in the process of constructing a new MRO (maintenance, repair, overhaul) facility in Hyderabad for the M88 engine used in Rafale combat jets currently being flown by the IAF. The Hyderabad centre is expected to be a global facility, servicing engines coming from other countries as well.

At the conclave, Rajnath said Pakistan Army Chief Field Marshal Asim Munir shouldn't be under any delusion about India's ability to hit hard after Operation Sindoor.

On Munir's comment equating Pakistan's economy with a dumper truck and India's with a Ferrari or Mercedes, he said it was an admission of Pakistan's failure in the last seven decades.

Berigai-Bagalur likely site for Hosur airport

E T B SIVAPRIYAN
CHENNAI, DHNS

Over a year after announcing the plan, the Tamil Nadu government is believed to have zeroed in on a site near Berigai-Bagalur in Krishnagiri for constructing an exclusive airport for Hosur.

This decision followed a detailed study of the Obstacle Limitation Surface (OLS) survey to assess the airspace in Krishnagiri district.

The government will also soon start the process of acquiring land for the project

"The airport will be located near Berigai-Bagalur," a source familiar with the developments told *DH*, adding that the precise land area required for the airport is still being determined. "The airport is to be situated between Berigai and Bagalur. Berigai is 25 km from Hosur, while Bagalur is about 12 km away," the source said.

The selected site is also approximately 19 km from Attibele, the entry point to Karnataka from Hosur. The Tamil Nadu government's move comes amid plans by its Karnataka counterpart to build a second airport for Bengaluru, with three sites currently shortlisted.

Another source said Berigai-Bagalur was ultimately chosen because the OLS survey favoured it over Belagondapalli, where the private airport operated by Taneja Aerospace and Aviation Limited (TAAL) is located.

"The survey highlighted minor differences between Berigai-Bagalur and Belagondapalli. The government felt the former was a better site and decided to proceed with it," the source said. "If it had been Belagondapalli, we could have coordinated with TAAL and started work immediately. But since this is a new location, we must begin from scratch," the source added.

The chosen site is also close to the proposed section of the Bengaluru Satellite Town Ring Road (STRR) in Tamil Nadu, currently under construction by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI). This road will bring Hosur closer to Bengaluru and other towns.

To proceed with the airport project, the Tamil Nadu government needs a No Objection Certificate (NOC) from BIAL, due to a concessionaire agreement between the airport operator and the Union Government that prohibits such facilities within 150 km until 2033.

The new airport in Hosur is also likely to cater to people living in many areas of south Bengaluru due to their proximity to the Tamil Nadu town.

SC refuses urgent listing of plea against UMEED portal

NEW DELHI, DHNS: The Supreme Court on Friday refused to list for hearing an interim plea challenging mandatory registration of all waqfs, including waqf-by-users, on UMEED portal.

A bench led by Chief Justice B R Gavai pointed out the court had already reserved its judgment on a batch of petitions challenging the Waqf Amendment Act.

A counsel mentioned the matter before the bench, contending that the portal called for mandatory registration of all waqfs, including waqfs by users. The lawyer said that the requirements are such that waqf-by-users cannot be registered.

"We sought to file an interim application for directions, but the registry (of the SC) is not allowing it, saying that the judgment is already reserved," the counsel said.

Thackeray Sena slams Shah over bill to sack ministers, BJP hits back

MUMBAI, DHNS: Hours after the Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena (UBT), through an editorial in party mouthpiece, linked Home Minister Amit Shah to the Sohrabuddin Shaikh fake encounter case, the BJP hit back at the Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Raut, arguing that the CBI failed to present credible evidence.

In an editorial in Marathi broadsheet mouthpiece *Saamana* and its Hindi tabloid version *Dophar ka Saamana*, the Thackeray-led party hit out at Shah for the new bill allowing the removal of the PM, CMs, and ministers facing serious criminal charges.

"When Amit Shah was the home ninister of Gujarat, he was arrested in the Sohrabuddin Sheikh fake encounter case. During that period, Shah had almost vanished, and before going to jail, his resignation was not because of any moral issue. There was substantial evidence against him, and the noose had already tightened on him," the editorial stated.

"Shah says that until he was acquitted as innocent, he did not work on any constitutional post. This statement of Shah does not hold good. Following the BJP government's rise to power at the Centre and in Gujarat, Amit Shah was acquitted by exerting pressure on the agencies," it added.

However, Maharashtra BJP's chief spokesperson Keshav Upadhye slammed Raut for the editorial.

"Criticising Shah in the editorial over the Sohrabuddin case is like the thief yelling thief!—a complete reversal of facts. Having abandoned Hindutva and surrendered to Rahul Gandhi's feudal leadership, Raut—now fully absorbed into Congress—attacks BJP leaders daily... Forget everything else—at the very least, the Saamana team should have remembered their own earlier editorials on the Sohrabuddin case," he said.

Sufficient fertiliser available for Kharif season: Centre

NEW DELHI, DHNS: Insisting that the availability of fertilisers was comfortable across the country during the ongoing Kharif season, the Central government on Friday said the total availability of urea was 183 lakh tonne and sales stood at 155 lakh tonne against the pro-rata requirement of 143 lakh tonne.

"Similarly, availability of DAP (diammonium phosphate) is 49 lakh tonne against a pro-rata requirement of 45 lakh tonne, and sale of 33 lakh tonne has taken place. In NPKS (nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, and sulphur) fertilisers, the availability ensured is 97 lakh tonne against a pro-rata requirement of 58 lakh tonne, with a sale of 64.5 lakh tonne having taken place until now," said the Union Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers in a statement.

The statement came against the backdrop of complaints of a fertiliser supply shortage in many parts of the country.

Increase in urea sales

"As of August 20, urea sales have increased by over 13 lakh tonne compared to the same period last year. Despite this increase in sales, the Department of Fertilisers has ensured uninterrupted availability of urea across the country by maximising domestic production and procurement through global tenders," said the ministry.

Domestic urea production witnessed a robust increase from 227.15 lakh tonne in 2013-14 to 306.67 lakh tonne in 2024-25—a growth of 35%.

Similarly, the production of DAP and NPKS fertilisers combined grew from 110.09 lakh tonne to 158.78 lakh tonne during the same period — a 44% rise, said the ministry.

OTT: Parl panel moots review body

SHEMIN JOY
NEW DELHI, DHNS

A parliamentary panel has recommended the formation of a post-release review committee for OTT content, following written objections from senior Congress leaders Priyanka Gandhi and Ajay Maken to a draft proposal that sought a censorship mechanism for such platforms, along the lines of movies.

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs, in its report on 'Cyber Crime — Ramifications, Protection and Prevention', tabled in Parliament this week, expressed concern over the possibility of "lack of pre-release checks and weak age verification", leaving minors exposed to "harmful content".

The multi-party panel headed by BJP MP Radha Mohan Das Agrawal recommended that the government consider setting up a panel of experts comprising child development specialists, educators, legal experts, social scientists and community representatives to "monitor new OTT releases".

"The Post Release Review Panel will watch the flagged or trending content based on user complaints submitted through a standardised grievance mechanism... the panel shall devise suitable norms and guidelines keeping in view the cultural ethos and sensitivity of the country. The panel may also work out suitable penalties in case of infringement of these norms/guidelines," it said.

According to the draft report, the panel recommended "amending the IT Rules, 2021, to introduce a mandatory pre-certification process for OTT content, by establishing an OTT content regulatory ecosystem within the ambit of CBFC, bringing it in line with CBFC practices for films and ensuring that explicit or culturally sensitive material is reviewed before public release".

This draft recommendation, which Priyanka quoted in her dissent note, is not part of the final report.

'Block telecast of India-Pak match'

NEW DELHI, DHNS: With the government green-signalling Indian cricket team's encounter with Pakistan team in Asia Cup, Shiv Sena (UBT) MP Priyanka Chaturvedi on Friday asked Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw to take steps to block the live streaming of the match on TV, OTT and other digital platforms.

In a letter to Vaishnaw, the Rajya Sabha MP said people of India "do not wish to watch a match that profits from the pain and outrage" of over 140 crore citizens after the Pahalgam terror strike.

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Strays: SC modifies order, favours pan-India policy

Authorities can release dogs after sterilisation & immunisation; SC transfers to itself all related HC pleas

ASHISH TRIPATHI
NEW DELHI, DHNS

Aiming at a pan-India policy on stray dogs, the Supreme Court on Friday expanded the scope of the issue beyond the national capital even as it modified its earlier "harsh" order to move all strays from the streets of Delhi-NCR to shelters. The fresh order permits the authorities to release the captured canines in their localities after sterilisation and vaccination.

"A blanket direction to pick up all the strays and place them in dog shelters/pounds without evaluating the existing infrastructure may lead to a catch-22 situation because such directions may be impossible to comply with," a bench of Justices Vikram Nath, Sandeep Mehta and N V Anjaria said, adding that it was necessary to have a look at the existing infrastructure and human resources available with the municipal bodies.

The three-judge bench said a "holistic approach" required modification of the directions issued by the apex court on August 11 in a suo motu case following the death of a girl due to rabies.

The bench was constituted by Chief Justice of India B R Gavai after the previous order by a two-judge bench triggered strong reactions.

The court, however, clarified that the modified order would not apply to the dogs infected with rabies or suspected to be infected with rabies and those that display aggressive behaviour.

"Such dogs shall be sterilised and immunised, but under no circumstances should they be released back onto the streets. Furthermore, as far as possible, such stray dogs shall be kept in a separate pound/shelter after sterilisation and immunisation," the bench said.

The court directed the municipal authorities to forthwith commence an exercise for creating dedicated feeding spots for the strays in each ward. These feeding areas shall be created or identified keeping in view the canine population in the particular ward.

"Notice boards shall be placed near such designated feeding areas, mentioning that stray dogs shall only be fed in such areas.

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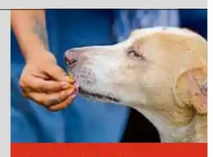
Animal lovers celebrate after the Supreme Court's verdict on stray dogs, at Jantar Mantar, in New Delhi, on Friday. PTI

'Holistic' approach

- Suspends Aug 11 direction prohibiting release of picked up strays
- Picked up strays should be sterilised, dewormed, vaccinated and released in same area
- Relocation won't apply to dogs infected with rabies, suspected to be infected with rabies, aggressive ones
- Rabid/aggressive dogs will be kept in a separate pound
- Municipal authorities in Delhi-NCR would continue to comply with August 11 directions to pick up stray dogs



Animal rights activists welcomed the SC directions, even as various residents welfare associations (RWAs) expressed concern over the proposed feeding points, calling it "difficult to implement".

Protection to Wire editors in Assam case

The SC on Friday protected The Wire's founding editor Siddharth Varadarajan and consulting editor Karan Thapar from arrest in connection with an FIR registered in Assam against them over an article.
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SC: Deleted Bihar voters can register with Aadhaar

Also allows one of 11 proofs; asks parties to help file forms

NEW DELHI, DHNS

The Supreme Court on Friday said the 65 lakh voters deleted from the draft rolls during the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) in poll-bound Bihar can apply online for registration with the Aadhaar card or any of the 11 documents in Form 6.

A bench of Justices Surya Kant and Joymalya Bagchi expressed surprise over the fact that 1.68 lakh booth-level agents (BLAs) of political parties filed only two objections with respect to deletion of voters.

"Some political parties say their BLAs are not being permitted to submit objections. With a view to have better clarity, all 12 political parties shall issue specific directions to party workers to assist in filing such forms," the court ordered.

Senior advocate Rakesh Dwivedi, appearing for the EC, said that over two lakh forms have been filed by new voters for inclusion but none of the 12 political parties has given objections and they are only whipping up fear for their political interests.

▸ Bihar voters, Page 6

Democracy lives: Cong

The Congress on Friday welcomed the Supreme Court order allowing excluded voters to submit claims along with Aadhaar or any one of the 11 documents acceptable in the SIR, saying that democracy has survived a "brutal assault" from the Election Commission.
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When AI does all your homework

Are tools like ChatGPT taking the excitement out of the classroom? A lecturer tells her story

Artificial intelligence (AI) is spreading to almost every sphere of life. The goal of AI is to make life easier, but what happens when it gets in the way of learning?

Teachers are now dealing with the double-edged sword that is AI. While it can be a learning aid, students are outsourcing analytical thinking and creative cogitation to a bot.

In this week's Saturday Story, a lecturer teaching in a Bengaluru college shares her experience of navigating classrooms where students use AI for assignments, notes and reports. Earlier, classrooms were places for real conversations. That has changed with the advent of AI, she says. Identifying reports written by AI is now a big part of an educator's job.

The younger generation is not using AI just for school work, but also for advice on life and love, sometimes with negative consequences.

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CRACKDOWN

Didn't permit bike taxis to resume ops, clarifies HC

BENGALURU, DHNS

A day after bike taxis resumed operations, the Karnataka High Court made it clear on Friday that it had not passed any order allowing ride aggregators to resume services.

A division bench headed by Chief Justice Vibhu Bakhru noted that the state government is free to take action against aggregators as per law but asked authorities not to "harass" individual owners.

Hearing writ appeals on August 20, the bench had given the government time to decide whether to frame a bike taxi policy and adjourned the hearing until September 22.

On Friday, Advocate General Shashikiran Shetty orally mentioned the matter before the bench and informed that aggregators had resumed bike taxi operations without any court order.

Counsel for bike taxi riders, who were present at the hearing, told the court that authorities were seizing bikes belonging to individual owners.

The bench stressed that it had only expressed concern about individual bike taxi owners/riders and that the government was requested not to take any precipitative action against them.

"Don't harass them (individual owners/riders)," the Chief Justice told the Advocate General, who assured the court that there would be no harassment of individual bike taxi owners.

The bench said the matters were posted for final disposal, and given their importance, no interim orders were passed.

▸ Bike taxis, Page 6

Ex- Lankan prez Ranil Wickremesinghe arrested

Sri Lanka's former president Ranil Wickremesinghe was arrested on Friday for allegedly misusing the state funds during his tenure as head of state, police said. He is accused of using state funds to travel to England to attend a convocation ceremony of his wife in 2023.
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Illegal betting: ED detains Congress MLA's brother

The ED on Friday detained a brother of Chitradurga MLA, K C Veerendra Puppy (in pic), in a case related to illegal online and offline betting. The ED picked up K C Nagaraj for questioning after raiding 30 locations in four states linked to the Congress MLA, his brothers and associates.
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1st for ME: Gaza facing famine, says UN

ROME, AFP: The United Nations on Friday officially declared a famine in Gaza, the first time it has done so in the Middle East, with experts warning 500,000 people face "catastrophic" hunger.

"It is a famine: the Gaza famine," said Tom Fletcher, the UN's emergency relief coordinator. He blamed Israel, accusing it of "systematic obstruction" of aid deliveries to the war-ravaged Palestinian territory.

But Israel's foreign ministry insisted there no famine in Gaza.
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7.5L B khatas to be converted to A khatas: DKS

BENGALURU, DHNS: Deputy CM D K Shivakumar told the Legislative Assembly on Friday that his government had taken a "historic" decision to convert 7.5 lakh B Khatas to A Khatas.

"After layouts were created and revenue sites were distributed, there were many roads that were in the names of the owners. As a result, we declared all private roads as government roads and distributed khatas. We need to convert 7.5 lakh B khatas into A khatas. As a result, we will take a payment of 5.5% by considering these as undeveloped land and will provide A khatas," he said.
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GARBAGE CONFUSION

What happens when WASTE is everybody's LOOKOUT

Who should pick waste from Bengaluru homes? With so many threads ending up tangled, the web of confusion is only getting worse

Household waste getting dumped on roads is a common sight in Bengaluru. DH FILE PHOTO

SHREE D N
BENGALURU, DHNS

An order issued by the chief commissioner of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) withdrawing the task of primary waste collection from the Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited (BSWML) sparked debate about whether the move is correct and whether it will help.

The order said the responsibility of primary waste collection and transportation would be entrusted to zonal commissioners, and it would be handed over to the five new municipalities to be formed under the Greater Bengaluru Authority later. BSWML would handle only the processing and disposal part, along with infrastructure development.

Currently, the BBMP handles street sweeping and toilet maintenance, which fall under the health and sanitation division of the BBMP. BSWML, a separate body formed to manage the city's waste, handles primary and secondary transportation, processes waste, and maintains the infrastructure.

The supposed reason behind the move was the BBMP ranking 36th among the 40 cities above 10 lakh population in the Swachh Sarvekshan 2024. The Swachh ranking measures the visible filth on the streets. It goes down when garbage is visible on the ground, there is visible waste on the streets, and public facilities are unhygienic. It also looks into the processing systems the city has.

The ranking is based on eight parameters, which the BBMP and the BSWML handle.

- **Door-to-door collection of waste:** BSWML is responsible for this, but in some areas with narrow roads, BBMP's street sweepers use pushcarts to collect door-to-door waste.
- **Source segregation:** Citizens have been asked to segregate waste at home, and the BSWML is directly responsible for collecting this.
- **Waste processing:** BSWML is responsible for this.
- **Cleanliness of residential and market areas:** BBMP, through the street sweeping system, handles this part.
- **Cleanliness of water bodies:** BBMP's lake division, zonal, and ward officials are responsible for this. Sometimes, when there is no sewage network, sewage goes into lakes, contributing to unhygienic lakes.
- **Cleanliness of public toilets:** BBMP handles public toilets and is responsible for this.
- **Remediation of dumpsites:** BBMP was handling this, but henceforth it would be BSWML.

Ram Prasad V, an active citizen who has worked closely with the BBMP on waste-related issues, says that the move is correct, only the primary collection and transportation will go back to the BBMP zonal divisions and in future, the new corporations. BSWML will handle the larger part of the equation, which is how it should be, he says.

"This kind of looks like equal division of responsibilities. However, if the garbage cess and user fee collected go to BBMP, how will the BSWML become self-sufficient? What part of this goes to BSWML needs to be made clear," he adds.

He sees a bigger problem. "If the garbage user fee is a service fee, BBMP becomes the primary service provider of door-to-door collection. Can we take BBMP to the consumer court if there are deficiencies in the system?" he asks.

He emphasises that the BSMWL should ensure that the money from selling compost or producing CNG, recycling, and all the money meant for extended producer responsibility (EPR) comes to them, helping them fill the funding gaps.

"BSWML should start acting like a company and not as a quasi-government body. The employees should think like corporate employees, and there should be capacity and capability building of the staff and systems to ensure the BSWML performs the task professionally without any hiccups," he says.

BSWML in action

"We are conducting inspections on mustering points every day and issuing notices to contractors and staff who do not follow the rules," says the chief executive officer of BSWML, Karee Gowda, who took charge a week ago.

For example, in Chokkasandra ward, during an inspection done on August 21, 15 tipper auto drivers and helpers were found without gum shoes, and six drivers did not have licences. In another inspection done on August 22 in the Bapujinagar ward, only 10 tipper autos were found during the mustering time instead of the allotted 16 vehicles.

A showcause notice issued by the BSWML says that the glasses of the vehicles and RFIDs were broken, and a few autos were found loaded with garbage during mustering - a process of taking attendance before the waste collection system starts working. Here also, many drivers were found operating without valid licences. The public address system was dysfunctional in many autos.

Such notices have been issued to all the concerned contractors asking why action cannot be taken against them for the violations. The BSWML has also issued a memo to all the contractors asking the auto tippers to be present at the mustering points by 5:30 am and finish the mustering task by 6:30 am. This has not gone well with the garbage contractors.

"Who wakes up at 6.30 to put out garbage? The regular collection time is after 7.30 am. People clean their houses and dispose of waste only after this. This will lead to yesterday's waste getting collected today, leading to hygiene issues and rodent problems," says S N Balasubramanian, president of BBMP Garbage Contractors Association.

But Karee Gowda clarifies. "The time band between 5.30 am and 6:30 am is used for mustering. Once that is over, the autos must go to blackspots and clear them off, and start door-to-door collection at 7.30 am. It fixes all the issues," he explains.

Why does garbage go on the ground?

"My question is, who will handle the wet waste transfer points and DWCC? Will it be BBMP or BSWML? They have to figure these out," says Ram Prasad. If this is not figured out, it will only lead to more garbage on the ground, he warns.

However, Balasubramanian says that the rules are not clear on clearing garbage on the ground in blackspots. "Street sweepers are not responsible for clearing these. We, the contractors, are also not responsible; we are supposed to handle only door-to-door collection. The terms are not clear enough. We still clear the blackspots," he adds. He says the maintenance of marshals costs the BBMP Rs 30 crore. They are supposed to handle the garbage blackspots. "Why are there still blackspots? Money is being wasted," he remarks.

He highlights the disparity in the plan to pay the auto tippers. The old price for an auto tipper, along with the driver and the helper, was Rs 73,000 per month. But in the new tender, where we will have to have new vehicles, the money is Rs 66,000 per month per vehicle.

Ram Prasad says that the BBMP waste collection microplan for autos had 750-800 houses per block, from which waste was to be collected in 8 hours of a shift, which is impossible to do in many wards because the autos stop working by 11-11.30 am. This means many homes will throw their garbage in dumping spots.

Balasubramian says that in some areas, tippers serve only 300-400 houses, because the data given while chalking out the microplan would have been wrong, or the collection is easier in the case of apartments. Therefore, the staff finishes the work by 11.30 am at the most, he adds.

"The data needs to be accurate; every auto should collect waste from the designated houses on the same day; the collection data should be tracked by means of RFIDs, technology should be made use of to fix accountability and fill gaps; if everything is streamlined, this is not difficult at all," says Balasubramian.

BBMP zones taking over waste collection can streamline accountability. However, BBMP has a long history of bureaucratic inefficiencies. The lack of performance oversight can push the city back into deeper service gaps, be it BSWML or the BBMP. While many are unhappy about the new order, sources say the order might be withdrawn soon, and responsibilities will come back to BSWML.

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Swacch Sarvekshan Ranking-2024: Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP)

National ranking	State ranking
36 (out of 40)	15 (out of 309)

- 100% Cleaniness of residential areas
- 99% Door-to-door collection of waste
- 97% Cleaniness of market areas
- 93% Cleaniness of water bodies
- 82% Source segregation
- 81% Waste generation Vs processing
- 27% Cleaniness of public toilets
- N/A Remediation of dumpsites

An informal worker collecting plastic bottles from the road. DH FILE PHOTO

A cow eating garbage near Hosakerehalli. DH FILE PHOTO/DHRITHI

METRO

Man held for 7 two-wheeler thefts in city

BENGALURU, DHNS: The Banaswadi police have arrested a man and recovered eight stolen two-wheelers worth Rs 6 lakh, cracking seven bike theft cases in the city.

The complainant had reported his two-wheeler stolen after he had parked it on Kammanahalli Main Road on July 20. When he returned from work in the evening, the bike was gone. A case of theft was registered.

On August 3, a man was spotted acting suspiciously, parking a two-wheeler without a number plate near a tea stall on the same road. The police arrested the suspect named Mohammed Jaffar Sadiq, 23, and questioned him.

The suspect is reported to have confessed to the theft and revealed that he was a serial offender, having stolen several two-wheelers from different parts of the city.

Reality check exposes rampant sale of PoP idols across Bengaluru

Vendors resort to offsite storage to sell banned idols

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BENGALURU, DHNS

This store in Malleswaram displays clay idols upfront, but keeps PoP ones in a back room. DH PHOTO/SHRADDHA S

Despite a ban by the BBMP on Plaster of Paris (PoP) idols, vendors across Bengaluru continue to manufacture and sell them, often discreetly.

A ground check by *DH* reporters at Jayanagar, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Malleswaram, and Pottery Town revealed a mix of eco-friendly idols and concealed PoP stock.

In Rajarajeshwari Nagar and Jayanagar, stalls displayed mainly clay idols under a foot tall, priced at Rs 650 to Rs 950. Larger idols of over five feet, made of clay or papermaché, cost Rs 15,000 to Rs 20,000.

"The clay is hard to source, and rains damage the stock. Prices are up 20% from last year," said Yashas, a Jayanagar vendor.

In contrast, Malleswaram and Pottery Town had more PoP idols hidden in back rooms.

Vendors admitted stocking them despite the ban. "We can produce three times more idols with PoP. Clay takes longer and costs more, from Rs 400 for small idols to over Rs 20,000 for bigger ones," said Chittibabu of Kamala idols.

Another vendor, Brahmacchariya, said, "PoP sells better, but we keep them hidden. There was a raid on Wednesday, and I had to bribe the police in order to continue my business."

Eco-friendly alternatives also face hurdles.

Bharath Yadav of Gubbi Mane in Jayanagar said that clay is sourced from Nelamangala, but customised orders sometimes demand unsustainable touches like gold paint and silk cloth.

In Pottery Town, vendors showcased clay and papermaché idols upfront while keeping PoP idols offsite.

"Papermaché idols cost Rs 20,000 for 10 feet, against Rs 60,000 for PoP. But customers prefer PoP for durability," said Srinivas of Lathika S.

Make your own Ganesha

Seere, a cultural organisation, will organise a 'Make Your Own Ganesha' programme on Sunday from 8.30 am to 11.30 am at Bugle Rock Park, Basavangudi. Participants must be clad in a saree and bring a plate and a mug. Contact 8310868579 for details.

Idol-making faces a blow in Davanagere

With buyers opting for cheaper idols from Maharashtra, traditional makers in Davanagere are losing ground. Imported idols are at least Rs 2,000 cheaper, said Shivakumar, a local craftsman.

He added that unauthorised PoP sales and seasonal vendors with big investments are cutting into their market.

"They spend Rs 3–4 lakh on idols from Maharashtra and sell it here for profits," he said.

Shivakumar, who once received 30 orders, has only 15 this year.

Idol preparation is also hit by competition from West Bengal makers.

Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao and Lata Jagannathan at the school's inaugural ceremony. PHOTO: IPH

IPH launches advanced study institute to tackle modern challenges

BENGALURU, DHNS: The Institute of Public Health (IPH) marked its 20th anniversary with the launch of the TT Narasimhan School of Advanced Studies, aimed at equipping professionals to tackle contemporary public health challenges.

At the inauguration, Health and Family Welfare Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao said, "As governments cannot reach everyone, we appreciate partnerships for strengthening public health and government healthcare services. IPH has immensely contributed to key areas, including tribal health."

The new school seeks to bridge the gap between medical education and field experience by enhancing student skillsets. It will also maintain databases on public health and tribal health.

The launch event brought together practitioners, policymakers, and key figures from the healthcare sector.

TT Narasimhan, after whom the school is named, was chairman of the TTK Group. His family was represented by his wife Lata Jagannathan and son TT Jagannathan.

Bomb threats to HC, city civil court declared a hoax

BENGALURU, DHNS: Two email threats about bombs being planted inside the High Court of Karnataka and the Bengaluru city civil court were declared a hoax after extensive searches on Friday, a senior police officer said.

Akshay M Hakay, Deputy Commissioner of Police (Central), said the email threats included a random story about Tamil Nadu politics, claiming that bombs had been placed at both court complexes.

"We carried out thorough checking as per the protocol to ensure that there was no sabotage. Nothing suspicious has been found," he told *DH*.

The emails are believed to have been sent through an account created on Yandex, a Russian free email service, police said.

Traffic police writes to Palike seeking 78 more skywalks

But citizens say existing skywalks poorly maintained

SNEHA RAMESH
BENGALURU, DHNS

Bengaluru requires almost twice as many skywalks as it has now to ensure pedestrian safety and reduce congestion, the Bengaluru Traffic Police (BTP) has said.

The city currently has 82 skywalks. The BTP has written to the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) seeking 78 more at high-traffic junctions. Data shows at least 768 pedestrians have died in road crashes in the past three years, with officials saying skywalks could help prevent such accidents.

Ballari Road has been identified as needing the most new skywalks at seven, followed by Old Madras Road with six.

"Even though there are zebra crossings, pedestrians find it difficult to cross at junctions with heavy traffic. Enabling pedestrian movement also slows vehicles, so we have requested skywalks at these congested spots," said Karthik Reddy, Joint Commissioner of Police (Traffic).

The city currently has 82 skywalks. DH FILE PHOTO

BBMP sources said the proposal is under review and may involve a separate feasibility study and geotechnical investigation. The civic body is likely to adopt a Public Private Partnership (PPP) model.

"Many of our existing skywalks were also built this way. The company will construct and maintain them and recover costs through advertising," a senior BBMP official said.

Citizens, however, point out that many existing skywalks are poorly maintained. "Many have lifts that do not work. People avoid them as they cannot climb. Cleanliness is another issue. The BBMP must fix this first," said Sushmitha B, a tech professional.

SOARING NUMBERS

No. of skywalks 82

- Those constructed on PPP model: **63**
- Proposed: **78**

Skywalks on major roads

- Old Madras Road: 6
- Ballari-Bengaluru (NH-44): 7
- ITPL Main Road: 4
- Kanakapura Road: 3
- Outer Ring Road: 6
- Mysore Road: 3
- Tumakuru Road: 3
- Hesaraghatta Main Road: 3
- Sarjapur Road: 3

Over 4,000 property owners contest BBMP tax notices

Account for 13% of 31,000 people who received notices

NAVEEN MENEZES
BENGALURU, DHNS

As many as 4,068 property owners have challenged show cause notices issued by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) for allegedly under-declaring property tax.

Although they account for only 13% of the 31,000 notices served between late July and early August, the number is significant as the BBMP had only recently fixed glitches on its tax website, which earlier offered no option for written objections.

Munish Moudgil

Most notices targeted flat owners after the civic body found mismatches between the property size in sale deeds and that declared in annual tax receipts. The data was verified using documents submitted for e-khata registration.

According to BBMP data, Bommanahalli, Mahadevapura and East zones recorded over 700 objections each, while South, Yelahanka and RR Nagar saw around 400 each.

All objections were filed on the BBMP's newly developed e-Nyaya web portal, a faceless system created to dispose of cases without inconveniencing the public.

The notices triggered backlash as owners were asked to pay the differential tax for five years, along with the solid waste management cess, penalties, and bank interest. Owners alleged clerical errors in calculations, including separate charges for parking lots already counted in the super built-up area.

"About 4,000 properties have filed appeals. Now, assistant revenue officers will consider them and give owners an opportunity to be heard. Based on appeal decisions, or a second appeal, citizens will be liable to pay the finalised demand," said Munish Moudgil, Special Commissioner (Revenue), BBMP.

Subash Shetty, a resident of Dasarahalli Zone, urged the BBMP to extend the deadline and accept physical applications. "Many owners could not file objections due to website glitches. When one of them tried to submit a written objection, it was refused," he said.

Some objections sent by registered post were also returned.

Moudgil said appeals could still be filed. "It is an option, but not something the BBMP will push or prompt people to do. We will be moving to demand notice generation soon."

PG thefts: Online gaming addict with short-term memory held

BENGALURU, DHNS: A 30-year-old online gaming addict suffering from short-term memory loss has been arrested for stealing gadgets from PG facilities and hotels in Bengaluru, the police said.

The accused, Nagaraj from Devanahalli, was arrested by the Thalaghattapura police, who recovered 14 mobile phones and four laptops worth Rs 6 lakh.

The police said Nagaraj booked rooms in PGs and hotels for three to four days, observed fellow guests, and broke into their rooms at night to steal electronic devices. "He is an online gaming addict with short-term memory loss. His motive was to make quick money to fuel his betting habit," a police officer said.

The case began on July 16 after a PG resident reported the theft of his iPhone and laptop. Investigations traced Nagaraj, who had been arrested earlier by the Tamil Nadu police in a similar theft case and was jailed at Puzhal prison in Thiruvallur district.

On August 14, the Bengaluru police secured his custody for six days of interrogation.

The police said that Nagaraj sold the stolen devices to his friends and had committed thefts in Cubbon Park, Nandini Layout, Vyalikaval, Konanakunte, Seshadripuram, Yelahanka, Govindapur and Devanahalli.

His arrest helped detect eight phone and three laptop theft cases.

Following his leads, the police seized the stolen property between August 16 and 18.

While 14 phones and four laptops have been recovered, efforts are on to trace the owners of six phones and one laptop.

Mount Carmel students protest new campus dress codes

BENGALURU, DHNS

Students of Mount Carmel College (MCC) have launched a social media campaign against the administration, protesting strict rules including a dress code and cancellation of student body elections.

Undergraduate and postgraduate students alleged that the administration has been harassing them in the name of discipline.

"From the first day of classes this year, the management has introduced anti-student policies," read one post. Another student wrote, "Though we are in higher education, we are being treated like schoolchildren."

Many posts surfaced under the banner of 'Collective Bangalore' (Building a Revolutionary Student-Youth Movement, Bangalore Unit).

Students also claimed they were humiliated at the campus gates. "Security personnel ask us to raise our hands to check if our tops rise above the waist. This happens in full public view, which is nothing but harassment," said a student.

The guidelines

The communication states: "Students must be modestly dressed and well groomed. Attire should reflect professionalism. Smart or business casuals are recommended."

WHAT'S TO BE FOLLOWED

	FOR BOYS	FOR GIRLS
✓	**Allowed:** Formal shirts, trousers, jeans, collared shirts without prints, formal/casual shoes, well-groomed hair.	**Allowed:** Salwar kameez, churidar, long kurtis, tops, formal shirts, trousers, jeans, formal/casual shoes, well-groomed hair.
✗	**Not allowed:** Round/V-neck T-shirts, printed captions, ripped jeans, shorts, low-waist trousers, cargo pants, flip-flops, slippers, coloured hair.	**Not allowed:** Sleeveless tops, crop tops, round/V-neck T-shirts, printed captions, ripped jeans, cargo pants, flip-flops, slippers, coloured hair.

Others termed the rules as moral policing. "We cannot step out once we enter campus in the morning and are forced to eat inside. Earlier, if the food quality or hygiene was poor, we approached the student body. But now, the management has decided to not have a student body," said another student.

College response

Dr George Lekha, college principal, said: "We always had a dress code, and it was part of the academic calendar. Even parents are briefed about the campus culture during the orientation programme. Compared to other institutions, we are liberal. And we are not sure if those posting on social media are our students as none of them have come to me with these issues."

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K'taka leg of B'luru-Chennai e-way will be ready by December: Gadkari

Original deadline of the project was 2024

BENGALURU, DHNS

The Karnataka stretch of the Bengaluru-Chennai Expressway (National Expressway 7) will be fully completed by December 2025, Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari told Parliament on Thursday.

Replying to a written question by Bangalore Central MP PC Mohan, Gadkari said that three Karnataka-only packages had been completed, while a fourth, partly located in the state, would be ready by December 2025.

The full 262-km expressway — from Hoskote near Bengaluru to Sriperumbudur near Chennai — will be completed by December 2026, he added.

Gadkari listed several reasons for delays in the project, whose original deadline was 2024.

a) delay in land acquisition due to slow disbursement, missed-out valuation of trees/affected structures during preparation of awards, public resistance, demand for service road, and access from main carriageway.

(b) delay in fixing compensation for Right Of Way (ROW) affected the shifting of extra-high-tension lines.

(c) delay in shifting religious structures.

A view of the Bengaluru-Chennai expressway. DH PHOTO/BK JANARDHAN

Although the Karnataka section was opened since December 2024, toll collection has not yet started.

Vilas P Brahmankar, Regional Officer, National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), Bengaluru, said that toll collection would begin once all four plazas in Karnataka were integrated into the payment system.

"Three toll plazas have been integrated and the fourth is underway. We've been liasoning with banks and PCI (Payments Council of India)," he told *DH*.

Brahmankar noted that the expressway contracts were awarded under the Hybrid Annuity Model (HAM) and that contractors had to recover their investment.

"The expressway cannot be kept idle (without toll collection)," he said.

The toll plazas are located on side roads, not the main carriageway, he added.

Vehicles using the expressway's Hoskote-Bethamangala section (71.7 km) are expected to pay about Rs 2.5 per kilometre one-way and get discounts via monthly passes.

Karnataka section	
Completed (71.7 km)	
Package 1	27.1 km
Package 2	27.1 km
Package 3	17.5 km
Dec 2025: Bethamangala (KGF) to Byreddipalli (AP): 25 km	
Dec 2026: Full expressway (Hoskote, Bengaluru, to Sriperumbudur, Chennai): 262 km	

DRI seizes Rs 72-crore worth of hydroponic weed

Pan-India operation resulted in recovery of over Rs 1 crore in illegal proceeds

BENGALURU, DHNS

The drugs that were seized by DRI officials.

In a major operation against drug trafficking, the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) said it dismantled a major syndicate smuggling high-value hydroponic weed into the country, seizing 72 kg of the narcotic worth Rs 72 crore.

The pan-India operation, code-named 'WeedOut', also resulted in the recovery of over Rs 1 crore in illegal proceeds and the arrest of six men, including the alleged mastermind.

The operation was launched with a series of coordinated interceptions on the evening of August 20. DRI officers in Bengaluru made the first seizure at the KSR Bengaluru railway station after intercepting two passengers who had just boarded the Rajdhani Express bound for Delhi. A search of their luggage yielded 29.88 kg of hydroponic weed.

Simultaneously, a coordinated action was carried out at Bhopal Junction, where DRI officers recovered 24.186 kg of the same contraband from two other passengers, who had travelled on the same train from Bengaluru on August 19.

Following these railway seizures, the syndicate's associate mastermind was traced to New Delhi, leading to the recovery of Rs 1.02 crore, which was confirmed as the proceeds of drug trafficking, according to the DRI.

In a swift follow-up, DRI officials in Bengaluru intercepted a passenger who had arrived from Thailand on August 20. The individual was apprehended at a city hotel in the early hours of August 21, leading to the seizure of another 17.958 kg of hydroponic weed.

In total, the operation netted 72 kg of hydroponic weed, valued at Rs 72 crore on the illicit market, along with the seized cash.

All six individuals, the mastermind and the five passengers have been arrested.

According to the DRI, the syndicate primarily used social media to recruit vulnerable youth, including college dropouts and unemployed individuals.

All seizures and arrests have been made under the provisions of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985.

RPF seizes ganja worth Rs 4L at Cantt railway station

BENGALURU, DHNS: A special drive by the Railway Protection Force (RPF) led to the seizure of 5.22 kg of ganja worth Rs 4.02 lakh from the Bengaluru Cantonment railway station yard on Thursday.

The operation was part of 'NARCOS', launched to curb drug trafficking through the railways.

Officials said that an unclaimed trolley bag was found during a patrol. On inspection, several plastic-wrapped bundles were recovered. Local excise officials, called to the spot, confirmed the contents as ganja.

The contraband was seized after formalities were completed and a case was registered under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act.

Investigation is underway to trace the owner of the bag and identify the source and destination of the drugs.

Study puts Bengaluru third in diesel generator emissions

BENGALURU, DHNS

Bengaluru is the third highest emitter of harmful particulate matter (PM2.5) from diesel generator (DG) sets in India, after Patna (Bihar) and Gautam Buddha Nagar (Uttar Pradesh).

DG sets, widely used by industries, commercial hubs and residential complexes during load shedding, release PM2.5, PM10, carbon monoxide and other toxic gases. Their demand is projected to grow at 8.8% annually.

A study by five researchers from the Centre for Study of Science, Technology and Policy (CSTEP) assessed DG set emissions and suggested cost-effective alternatives.

Data from 200 districts was purchased and extrapolated to 537. DG sets were classified into four categories: 5–75 kVA (18%), 76–375 kVA (44%), 376–750 kVA (33%), and above 750 kVA (5%).

Bengaluru recorded the third highest overall emissions and ranked second in the 76–375 kVA category.

"Patna, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Bengaluru Urban, Mumbai City, and North 24 Parganas (West Bengal) have the highest PM2.5 emissions from almost all categories of DG sets," the researchers noted.

They observed that while the Central Pollution Control Board has set lifespan norms for DG sets, there is a need for phased retirement of older machines, on the lines of the vehicle scrappage policy.

Recommendations include retrofitting existing DGs with emission-control devices and promoting renewable alternatives, particularly solar power with storage, for low and medium load categories.

Vote theft: Surjewala meets party leaders

BENGALURU, DHNS: Congress general secretary Randeep Singh Surjewala on Friday held a meeting with ministers, lawmakers and other party leaders from Bengaluru to discuss the "vote theft" campaign.

Surjewala is said to have asked party leaders to activate booth-level agents to carry out verification of voter details in the city.

The Congress has alleged "vote theft" during the Lok Sabha polls.

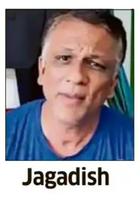
The party has flagged anomalies in the Mahadevapura assembly constituency, which comes under Bangalore Central.

DEEP TROUBLE

People step in to push a scooter through the muck, highlighting the plight of commuters on a dug-up stretch between JC Road and Sindhi Colony. DH PHOTO/PRASHANTH HG

Lawyer arrested over social media hate speech

BENGALURU, DHNS: Controversial city lawyer KN Jagadish Kumar was arrested on Friday by the Kodigehalli police following a complaint of caste abuse and provocative remarks on his Instagram handle.



Jagadish

The complaint, filed by activist Manjunath, alleged that Jagadish's remarks on Instagram were detrimental to communal harmony and targeted the SC and ST communities. Jagadish, known for his contentious social media presence, has often been embroiled in disputes.

The latest case stems from a video he posted on Instagram on August 11, in which he allegedly made objectionable suggestions about Basanagowda Patil Yatnal, MLA from the Vijayapura constituency.

According to the complaint, Jagadish said in the video: "Yatnal has two sons. Let's get a daughter-in-law from an SC/ST community for one son, and a daughter-in-law from the Muslim community for the other. We will provide you Rs 5 crore of funding, 100%. Let your family also be a beacon for society. I will provide the funding myself."

The complainant alleged that Jagadish repeatedly used the phrase "marry SC/ST girls" in a derogatory manner.

Police crack HRBR Layout chain-snatching

BENGALURU, DHNS: Banaswadi police have arrested three people in connection with a chain-snatching incident and recovered a stolen mangalsutra worth Rs 5.70 lakh.

The complainant, who resides in HRBR Layout, had filed a complaint at the Banaswadi police station on July 13. She recounted that on the night of July 12, while she was walking on 8th Main Road of HRBR Layout, three unknown men rode up on a two-wheeler from behind, snatched her mangalsutra and sped away.

During the suspects' 10-day custody, the police learnt that the stolen 57.28-gram mangalsutra was given to the mother of one of the suspects and she had pawned it at a finance company in Madanapalle, Andhra Pradesh.

◆ IN THE CITY ◆

GENERAL

Farmers' Market: Sale of millets, fruits, and value-added products; University of Agricultural Sciences, GKVK campus; 7 am.

Strategy meeting on Huntington's Disease by Huntington Disease Society of India: Vijay Raghavan, Dr Pratima Murthy, Dr Suvarna Alladi, Dr Jagadish Thirthahalli to attend; Nimhans Convention Centre; 9 am.

Symposium: 'Artificial Intelligence in Education–Applications and Impact'; Eshwar Khandre to inaugurate; Shivaram KR, TV Raju, MS Mruthyunjaya to attend; RPA First Grade College, Rajajinagar; 9.30 am.

'SkyShe' Women Empowerment in Aviation: Khushboo Goyal, Jophin Bose, Venkateshwaran R, Raj Kumar S, Hamsa N to attend; Organised by National Aviation Research Forum; Mount Carmel College; 10 am.

Seminar: 'Functioning of Private Universities in Karnataka'; KC Ramamurthy, Sabitha Ramamurthy, HB Raghavendra, S Chandrashekar Shetty to attend; Organised by Forum of Former Vice-Chancellors of Karnataka; CMR University, Hennur; 10 am.

75th Year 'Amrutha Sambhrama': Inauguration by Siddaramaiah; KN Rajanna, Satish Jarkiholi, Ramesh M (Palya); Organised by Karnataka Journalists' Co-operative Society; Kondajji Basappa Auditorium, Bharat Scouts and Guides, Palace Road; 10.30 am.

National Co-operation Policy 2025 Workshop: Presentations by Shashidhar Ele, Guruswamy; Organised by Karnataka Progressive Co-operators Forum; Tyagaraja Co-operative Bank, NR Colony; 10.30 am.

Community Connect: Dialogue by Dr Manoj Kumar Sharma; Organised by Nimhans; Horticulture Department; Lalbagh Garden; 11 am.

State-level Conference of District Chambers of Commerce and Industry: Siddaramaiah, PM Narendra Swamy to inaugurate; MG Balakrishna to attend; Organised by Karnataka Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Sir MV Auditorium, FKCCI, KG Road; 4 pm.

CULTURAL

Pooja Kunita (traditional drum dance): Led by KB Swamy, Mandya's Shri Vinayaka Yuvaka Kala Balaga team; Bangalore International Centre (BIC), Domlur; 11 am.

Valedictory of Vachana Shravan: Nanjunda Swamiji, M Krishnappa, S Pinakapani, Mahantesh Biradar, Prabhudeva Chigateri, Manjunathswami, Gangambike Mallikarjun, Paramashivamurthy; Organised by Vachanajyoti Balaga; Dr M Chidanandamurthy Auditorium, Palike Soudha, 4th Floor, Vijayanagar; 3 pm.

'Nakutanti Shashtipoorthi' Naada 7: GB Harish, MS Narasimhamoorthy to attend; Organised by Akhila Bharatiya Sahitya Parishad, Bengaluru South District Committee; Pragna Bharathi Vidyalaya, Doddakalasandra, Kanakapura Road; 4 pm.

'Saint Tulasidas and Shashti Varna Chakra': Bharatanatyam performance by Raksha Karthik and disciples; Prof S Sadagopan, Jija Hari Singh to attend; Organised by Natanam School of Dance; Medai The Stage, KHB MIG Colony, Koramangala; 5 pm.

'Smarane': Musical tribute to Annapurna Devi; Sitar: Anupama Bhagwat, tabla: Rahul Pofali, vocal: Prasad Khaparde, tabla: Ravindra Yeshwant Yawagal, harmonium: Ravindra Katoti; Organised by Annapurna Devi Foundation; Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Race Course Road; 5 pm.

'Nritya Vasantham' Dance Festival: Performances by Bhuvana G Prasad, MT Mrunalmayi, Aparna Sharma; Nagesh Bettakote, Narendra Babu, Usha Datar to attend; Organised by Bharata Kala Grama; Nayana Auditorium, JC Road; 6 pm.

12th Anniversary & 'Pravara Prashasti' Awards Ceremony: Revathiram Kundanadu, Aniruddha Vedanti to be awarded; 'Panchagavya'-play by SLN Swamy; Organised by Pravara Theatre; Samskrutika Samucchaya, Kalagrama, Mallathahalli; 6 pm.

'Sangamam' music concert: Performances by Jyotsna Srikanth, Smaz (France), Gurumurthy Vaidya; Organised by Sangamam; Windmills Craftworks, Whitefield; 9 pm.

Yaksha Kanasu: Yakshagana performance; Plays 'Jwala Pratapa', 'Bheeshma Vijaya', and 'Raktarathri'; Organised by Kalakshetra Yakshamitra Balaga; Ravindra Kalakshetra, JC Road; 10 pm.

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FORECAST

Generally cloudy sky with one or two spells of rain or thundershowers

TEMPERATURES

Maximum	29.0°C
Minimum	21.0°C
Rainfall (as of 8:30 am)	--
Humidity (as of 5:30 pm)	79%
Sunset (Aug 23)	6:37 pm
Sunrise (Aug 24)	6:08 am
Moonrise	5:07 am
Moonset	6:06 pm

(Relevant data recorded at 5.30 pm) Source: IMD

CENTRAL RAILWAY
TENDER NOTICE Engineering Work

Divisional Railway Manager (Works), Central Railway, Solapur on Behalf of President of India, invites e-tender from the reputed firms / contractor for the following works. **Tender Notice No.:** 31-2025-SrDENS **Name of Work:** Laying of transition system using GEO CELL, Geo textile and blanketing material on the approaches of Bridge no 431/1 at km 431/5-8 (UP & DN) and Bridge No 315/1 at km 315/0-2 in DD-SUR section of Solapur Division. **Approximate Cost of the work:** Rs.4,06,19,470.93 **Earnest Money:** Rs. 3,53,100.00 **Completion period of the work:** 06 Months **Maintenance Period:** 12 Months **Last date & Time of uploading quoted tender on www.ireps.gov.in website:** 12/09/2025 upto 15.00 hrs **Date & Time of Opening of tender on: www.ireps.gov.in :** 12/09/2025 at 15.30 hrs. The prospective tenderers are advised to revisit the website frequently before the date of closing of tender to note any changes/corrigenda issued for this tender. Website: **www.ireps.gov.in**

Divisional Railway Manager (Works) Central Railway, Solapur

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CENTRAL RAILWAY
SOLAPUR DIVISION
E-Tender Notice

DRM (S&T)'s Office, Central Railway, Solapur for and on behalf of President of India invites online e-tenders on Railway's e-procurement website **www.ireps.gov.in** from the capable, reputed firms/Contractors for the following works:- **Name of work with its locality:** Provision of Normal Detection Indication Relay / Reverse Detection Indication Relay (NKR/RKR) circuit in RRI Solapur in Solapur Division of Central Railway. **Tender No.:** SUR-N-T-2025-26-16 **Approximate Cost of the Work:** Rs.1,29,69,972.17 **Cost of the tender form:** NIL **Earnest money to be deposited:** Rs. 2,14,900 **Completion period of the work:** 12 Months **Date & Time of Closing of tender:** 15.09.2025 after 15.00 Hrs. The details are available in ireps website. Corrigendum/amendments if any will be uploaded only on above e-procurement website. Only online tenders will be accepted. Manual/postal/e-mail, FAX, by hand tenders will not be accepted. Bidders are requested to obtain Class III Digital Signature Certificate with company name and register the same with **www.ireps.gov.in.** The Payment of Earnest Money (EMD) will be accepted through net banking or payment gateway or in the form of Bank Guarantee and the original Bank Guarantee should be delivered in person to the official nominated as indicated in the tender document before closing date for submission of bids (i.e. excluding the last date of submission of bids) For further details please visit **www.ireps.gov.in**.

DRM S&T Branch, C.R. Solapur

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CHITTARANJAN LOCOMOTIVE WORKS
CORRIGENDUM

No. PCMM/CLW/HWH/E-Procurement/CORRIGENDUM/25/23, Dated: 19.08.2025. The following Corrigendum of E-Tender/s is for supply of materials for manufacture of Electric Locomotive. The Prospective/ likely suppliers are requested to look up the website **www.ireps.gov.in** for detailed instructions please. These are E-Tenders only electronic offer bids shall be accepted. **Sl. No.; Tender Notice No.; Tender No.; Tender Opening Date** are as follows **:[01]; Sl.No.231** of PCMM/CLW/HWH/E-Procurement/40 Dated: 14/07/2025; **25255122;** Tender Opening Date is to be read as **"30/08/2025"** instead of existing entry. **[02]; Sl.No.236** of PCMM/CLW /HWH/E-Procurement/40 Dated: 14/07/2025; **14252634;** Tender Opening Date is to be read as **"06/09/2025"** instead of existing entry.

PR8/184 PCMM/CLW/Howrah

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CHITTARANJAN LOCOMOTIVE WORKS
E-tender Notice

E-tender of the following work is invited for the President of India: **Sl. No. : [01]. Tender No.:Engg-43-2025-26. Name of the work:** Provision of drain in different location in township at CLW. **Advertised Tender Value (Rupees): ₹ 9,30,72,545.00. Bid Security Amount** (Rupees): ₹ 6,15,400.00. **Period of Completion:**07 (Seven) Month. **Date of Closing: 09.09.2025. Note :** 1. Complete details can be seen in the Railways website **www.ireps.gov.in & www.clw.indianrailways.gov.in. 2. Contact Numbers :** 9163340201 & 9163340205.

PR7/183 Deputy Chief Engineer/CLW/ Chittaranjan

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S. E. RAILWAY – E-TENDER

Tender Notice No.: PCMM/GENL/TP/2025/32, dated 21.08.2025. Open e-Tenders for "E" Procurement system are invited by Principal Chief Materials Manager, S.E.Railway, Headquarters Office (5th Floor), New Administrative Building, 11, Garden Reach Road, Kolkata-700043 for and on behalf of the President of India, which have been uploaded on website **www.ireps.gov.in** as follows. All the tenders will be closed at 14.00 hrs.

Sl.No.	Tender No.	Due Date	Brief Description	Qty.	EMD (in ₹)
1	38253172	17.09.2025	Door assembly (Double Link) for BOBRN Wagon	190 Nos.	1,81,600/-
2.	38253028	06.10.2025	Coupler Rod for BOXNHL Wagon	20500 Nos.	2,10,450/-
3.	38253185	08.10.2025	Locking Bolt & its Bracket for Flap door arrangement	79440 Nos.	1,36,480/-
4.	38251507	27.10.2025	Outer Spring for bolster of CASNUB 22HS Bogie	15900 Nos.	3,75,240/-
5.	38253917	30.10.2025	Crib/End Angle for BOXNHL Wagon	7300 Nos.	2,23,960/-
6.	60255338	08.09.2025	Glued joint for 60 Kg. Rail on PSC Sleepers etc.	1770 Nos.	16,04,040/-
7.	60250015	15.09.2025	Manufacture and Supply of 1 in 12 CMS Crossing for BG. 60 Kg [UIC] rail on PSC Sleepers etc.	1000 Set	20,00,000/-
8.	56255186	12.09.2025	Running Contract for Supply, Transportation, Installation, Testing and Commissioning etc.	As per website	3,91,000/-
9.	29253229	12.09.2025	Teeth Penion etc.	408 Nos.	2,38,550/-
10.	29253695	16.09.2025	IV Coupler Socket assembly	79 Set	1,29,560/-
11.	25251198	06.10.2025	Equaliser (Modified) of WAG7 Loco etc.	391 Nos.	1,83,730/-
12.	25251211	13.10.2025	Driver's Auto Brake Valve A9	106 Nos.	1,04,680/-
13.	47245014A	18.09.2025	Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Passenger Lift with comprehensive AMC	03 Nos.	2,98,940/-
14.	40253119	23.09.2025	Running Contract for supply of 2 x 150sq.mm, XLPE Insulated, 1100 Volts Grade etc.	125000 Mtr.	8,62,500/-
15.	77255001	11.09.2025	Supply and application of Anti-graffiti clear coating for exterior Side Wall of coaches (ICF/LHB) etc.	1950 Set	8,73,870/-
16.	60250130	19.09.2025	Manufacturing & Supply of Fish Plate for Glued Joint for 60kg Rail etc.	6000 Nos.	2,74,560/-
17.	72253053A	15.09.2025	T.C. Insert neutral upended, 30 mm long	11630 Nos.	2,27,530/-

Interested tenderers may visit website **www.ireps.gov.in** for full details/description/specification of the tenders and submit their bids online. In no case manual tenders for these items will be accepted. **N.B. :** Prospective Bidders may regularly visit **www.ireps.gov.in** to participate in all other tenders & any corrigendum published thereafter. **(PR-550)**

ANNUAL MAINTENANCE CONTRACT AT LUMDING DIV.

E-Tender No.: SNT-17-LMG-2025-26 Dated: 19-08-2025. E-Tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following works: **Name of work:** Annual Maintenance Contract of Digital Voice Recorder system (VDRPU) installed at Lumding Tele Control and Badarpur Tele Control in Lumding Division of N.F. Railway for a period of Three years by OEM. **Tender Value:** ₹10,44,335/-. **Earnest Money:** ₹20,900/-. **Date & Time of closing of tender: 15:00** hrs. of **12-09-2025 & opening at 15:30** hrs. of **12-09-2025.** The complete information with the tender document of above e-tender will be available in website **www.ireps.gov.in**

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निविदा रद्द संबंधित सूचना

पत्रांक– 629 दिनांक– 22.08.2025

एतद् द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि इस कार्यालय के ई0 निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना सं0- WRD/MID / Latehar/ F2-15/2025-26 यथा बरखेता मध्यम सिंचाई योजना का जीर्णोद्धार, बोदे मध्यम सिंचाई योजना का जीर्णोद्धार एवं दनदाहा मध्यम सिंचाई योजना का जीर्णोद्धार कार्य प्रखंड–बरवाडीह, विभिन्न समाचार पत्रों में प्रकाशित की गयी थी जिसका PR No-359911 (water Resources) 25-26(D) है, को अपरिहार्य कारणवंश रद्द किया जाता है।

PR 360203 Water Resource (25-26)_D

कार्यपालक अभियंता, लघु सिंचाई प्रमंडल, लातेहार

कार्यालय कार्यपालक अभियंता, लघु सिंचाई प्रमंडल, लातेहार
निविदा रद्द संबंधित सूचना

पत्रांक–628 दिनांक–22.08.2025

एतद् द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि इस कार्यालय के ई0 निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना सं0- WRD/MID/Latehar/F2-12/2025-26 यथा सेडे नदी, लाटो नदी नाला एवं डेली करचा नाला पर पक्का चेकडैम निर्माण कार्य प्रखंड–महुआडाड़ विभिन्न समाचार पत्रों में प्रकाशित की गयी थी जिसका PR No-359907 (water Resources)25-26*D है, को अपरिहार्य कारणवश रद्द किया जाता है।

PR 360200 Water Resource(25-26)#D

कार्यपालक अभियंता, लघु सिंचाई प्रमंडल, लातेहार

Government of Jharkhand
Directorate of Food & Consumer Affairs
3rd Floor, JSFC Bhawan, Kadru, Ranchi -834002

Reverse e-Auction Procurement Notice through GeM Portal

Letter No.-kha.up.ni.-24-chini-01/2025-1391
Date :-21-08-2025

For Supply of Free Flow White Crystal Sugar (Grade-S-30/M-30) (As Per FSSAI Norms) for 1st Quarter (April 2025 to June 2025) of Financial Year 2025-26 By e-Tender Through E-Bid Followed By Reverse Auction on GeM Platform.

Bid Details	
GeM Bid No.	GEM/2025/B/6594016 Dated: 21-08-2025
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Rs. 24,84,000/- (Twenty Four Lakh Eighty Four Thousand) as EMD in form of demand draft in favor of Director, Directorate of Food and Consumer Affairs, Jharkhand or in following bank details through online Bank Transfer from any nationalized or scheduled bank in India :Bank Name - Indian Bank, Branch - Ashok Nagar, Ranchi, A/C No. - 7876502276, IFSC - IDIB000A662
Tender Publishing Date/ Download Link of Tender Document	22-08-2025/ Through https:// www.jharkhand.gov.in/food and https://gem.gov.in
Last Date and time of Bid Submission	08-09-2025 upto 03:00 pm
Online Bid Submission Period	From 22-08-2025 to 08-09-2025
Pre-Bid Meeting	26-08-2025 at 12:00 noon through google meet (https://meet.google.com/nrm-idwt-sqe)
Date of Auction	Will be published after technical evaluation
Name and concerned person for Correspondence	Mr. Dilip Tirkey Mobile no. - 9470520458 , email- directorfood18@gmail.com

sd/-Director
(Directorate of Food &Consumer Affairs)
PR 360195 (Directorate of Food and Consumer Affairs)25-26*D

7.5L 'B' khatas being converted to 'A' khatas in B'luru: DKS

BENGALURU, DHNS: Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar on Friday told the Legislative Assembly that the government has taken a "historic" decision to convert 7.5 lakh B Khatas into A Khatas.

"After layouts were formed and revenue sites distributed, many roads continued in the names of owners. We have now declared all private roads as government roads and distributed Khatas. To regularise this, 7.5 lakh B Khatas will be converted into A Khatas. For the process, a payment of 5.5% will be collected by treating them as undeveloped land," he explained.

Speaking during a debate on Bengaluru's development, rain damages and central grants, Shivakumar said, "To address the pothole issue, we created a system where residents can send photos directly to officials. Under the 'gundi gamana' (fix potholes) programme, around 10,000 potholes have been identified, of which 5,377 have already been closed."

On road works, the deputy CM said 154 km of white-topping was underway at a cost of Rs 1,700 crore. "These roads will last 30 years. In the first phase, 632 km will be covered. Overall, Rs 9,000 crore has been spent on road development and white-topping. For black-topping of 450 km of main and side roads, a Rs 699-crore project has been drawn up," he added.

Rejecting criticism of tunnel road projects, he said Karnataka was executing them at 40% lower cost than other states.

Bike taxis continue to ply, transport dept mulls legal action

Drivers seek free access to apps after HC warns against harassing individuals

BENGALURU, DHNS

As bike taxis continue to zip through the roads of Bengaluru, the Transport Department is considering legal action against ride-hailing platforms.

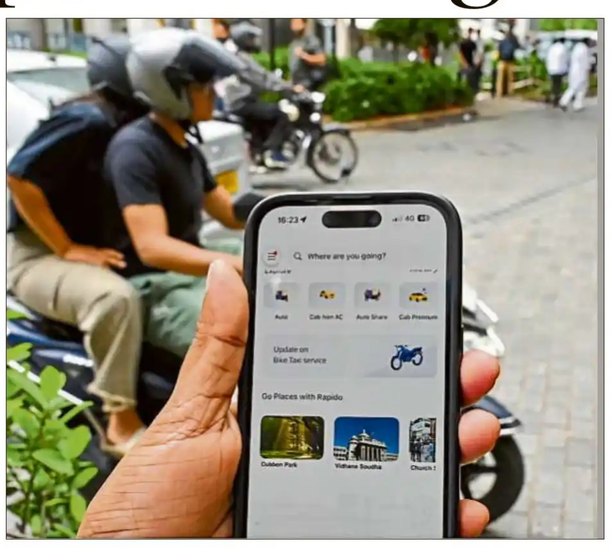
On Friday, the High Court of Karnataka clarified that it had not given any orders permitting bike taxis, and that the state government was free to take action if the aggregator platforms had already started operations. However, the court asked the department "not to harass" individual bike taxi drivers/ owners.

Currently, bike taxi services remain operational on Uber, Ola and Rapido.

A highly placed source said the department was collecting data to take "appropriate legal action".

"The aggregators were quick to restart operations. They have done so by misguiding thousands of bike taxi drivers and giving them false hope. Their actions are a clear contempt of court. We will collect data over the next few days and take appropriate legal actions," the source told *DH*.

Citing the court order, Transport Department Secretary N V Prasad maintained that ride-hailing firms cannot operate bike taxis.



Citing the high court order, Transport Department Secretary N V Prasad maintained that ride-hailing firms cannot operate bike taxis. DH FILE PHOTO

"We expect the firms to abide by the court's orders," he stated. He denied that the department was harassing individual drivers/ owners.

In the meantime, Uber continues to run promotional offers on Moto, its bike taxi service, while Rapido discontinued the discount after running it on August 21.

The suspension of bike taxis between June 16 and August 20 seems to have had very little impact on the popularity of bike taxis among consumers.

Many drivers told *DH* that they had been flooded with bookings since Thursday morning — with many booking an average of 15 rides in the last two days.

Adi Narayan, president, Bike Taxi Welfare Association, urged app platforms to give drivers access to technology free of charge so that they can connect with customers and start earning a gain.

"Even as the high court has unequivocally directed the state not to take coercive action against bike taxi drivers, there is now a threat of action against the app platforms themselves. This puts not just the drivers, but our entire support structure, at serious risk," he stated.

Caste survey: Geo-tagging of electricity meters from today

BENGALURU, DHNS: The Karnataka State Backward Classes Commission will begin groundwork for the Social and Educational Survey, commonly referred to as the caste census, from Saturday with the geotagging of electricity meters.

This will be the second such exercise, coming a decade after the Kantharaj Commission conducted the first survey. The findings of that report were never made public, though they continue to influence political debate in the state.

Backward Classes Commission chairperson Madhusudan R Naik said the fresh survey will be carried out in a comprehensive manner to ensure accuracy. "The exercise must be conducted effectively and no household should be left out," he emphasised.

In the first phase, surveyors will list households and carry out geospatial mapping. All dwellings with electricity connections will be identified based on their RR (revenue register) meters, which will serve as the foundation for the enumeration.

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NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER (through https://ireps.gov.in)

CE/C-III/SC,CE/C/Plg&Survey/SC & CE/C-V/SC Construction Organisation, S.C.Railway, Secunderabad, respectively, invites e-tender on behalf of the President of India for the following works:

S.No.: 01 **NIT No.:** PMS 01-CAO-C-SC-2025 Date:11/08/2025 **Name of work :** SCR Construction Organisation- Appointment of Authority Engineer for providing Project Management Services (PMS) for the projects of (1) Redevelopment of Rajahmundry Railway station in Vijayawada Division, (2) Extended period of Major upgradation of Tirupati Railway station and (3) Extended period of Major upgradation of Nellore Railway station in Vijayawada division of South Central Railway. **Estimated Cost (₹):** 6,17,21,952.00 **EMD (₹):** 4,58,600.00 **Completion Period :** 42 (Fourty Two) Months. **Date of Opening:** 30/09/2025 15:00hrs

S.No.: 02 **NIT No.:** 18-CAO-C-SC-2025 Date:13/08/2025 **Name of work :** Carrying out USFD testing of Flash Butt (FB) weld joints of all types of Rails by using contractor's RDSO approved Phased Array Ultrasonic Testing (PAUT) weld tester by Mechanical probing as per provisions of Indian Railway Manual for construction of New BG lines, Doubling, Tripling and Gauge Conversion works under CAO/Construction within South Central Railway. **Estimated Cost (₹):** 2,32,00,133.40 **EMD (₹):** 2,66,000.00 **Completion Period :** 36 (Thirty Six). **Date of Opening:** 09/09/2025 15:00hrs

S.No.: 03 **NIT No.:** PMS-02-CAO-C-SC-2025 Date:12/08/2025 **Name of work :** SCR Construction Organisation: Nanded Division- Appointment of Authority Engineer for providing project management services for "Engineering works for Construction of New BG Line/Gauge Conversion of Track from Km: 652.700 to Km: 726.700 between Khaknar Kalan And Akot Stations including Electrical General Service works in connection with Akola-Khandwa Gauge Conversion Project in Madhya Pradesh state and in Maharashtra state in Nanded Division of South Central Railway". **Estimated Cost (₹):** 21,50,99,600.00 **EMD (₹):** 12,25,500.00 **Completion Period :** 42 (Fourty Two) Months. **Date of Opening:** 18/09/2025 15:00hrs

i) For bid document and other details, please login to website https://ireps.gov.in. **ii)** Tenderers can submit their offers online during tender submission period which is the Fifteen days period prior to closing of tender. **iii)** Tenderers should watch for any corrigenda (issued online only) up to the date of commencement of the tender submission period.

Chief Administrative Officer, Const., Secunderabad

PUBT1001

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

PCE South Central Railway, Secunderabad invites e-tender on behalf the President India for the following work.

NIT No.: GMWSCPAUT25-2601 **Name of Work:** SC, HYB & NED divisions of SCR : (1) Carrying out Phased Array Ultrasonic testing (PAUT) of Flash Butt (FB) welded joints at site on track without block in all types of railsas per RDSO approved testing procedure. (2) Grinding of weld fins of 20 % of Flash butt welds in all types of rails, at site on track without block, in all types of rails as per IRPWM and FB weld manual , for carrying out PAUT as per RDSO approved testing procedure **Tender Value (₹):** 69059164.20 **EMD (₹):** 495300.00 **Tender Closing Date & Time:** 04.09.2025 at 15.00 Hrs

The tender documents & other details can be obtained from the website "www.ireps.gov.in"

All Corrigendum shall be issued online only at website "www.ireps.gov.in"

Dy. Chief Engineer/Track-II/ Secunderabad

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NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

PCE South Central Railway, Secunderabad invites e-tender on behalf the President India for the following work.

NIT No.: GMWSCPAUT25-2602 **Name of Work:** BZA, GTL & GNT divisions of SCR (1) Carrying out Phased Array Ultrasonic testing (PAUT) of Flash Butt (FB) welded joints at site on track without block in all types of railsas per RDSO approved testing procedure. (2) Grinding of weld fins of 20 % of Flash butt welds in all types of rails, at site on track without block, in all types of rails as per IRPWM and FB weld manual , for carrying out PAUT as per RDSO approved testing procedure **Tender Value (₹):** 49108869.00 **EMD (₹):** 395600.00 **Tender Closing Date & Time:** 08.09.2025 at 15.00 Hrs

The tender documents & other details can be obtained from the website "www.ireps.gov.in"

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Dy. Chief Engineer/Track-II/ Secunderabad

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NOTICE

All India Quota (AIQ) Seats under UG (BAMS/BSMS/BUMS/BHMS/B.Pharm-ITRA) Courses (ASU&H) for A.Y. 2025-26

- All the eligible candidates who qualified for NEET (UG)-2025-26 examinations and aspiring for admission in Undergraduate (BAMS/BSMS/BUMS/BHMS/B.Pharm-ITRA/ASU&H) courses, respectively, are hereby informed that the AACCC UG Counseling 2025-26 for allotment of AIQ-UG seats of ASU&H-UG courses will be held **22nd August, 2025** as per schedule which uploaded on AACCC website **(https://aaccc.gov.in)**
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"This is only a basic outline of the modified counseling scheme for A.Y.2025-26. For more details, candidates must refer to the Information Bulletin Counseling Scheme FAQ's and relevant notice uploaded on AACCC website".

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3	Estimate Value	₹46,91,55,621.90
4	Tender Closing date and Time	15-09-2025 10:00:00 Hrs
5	Tender Opening date and Time	15-09-2025 10:30:00 Hrs
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SESSION SNIPPETS

Police chief requested me to go to stadium: Shivakumar

▸ **BENGALURU, DHNS:** Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar told the Legislative Assembly on Friday that then Bengaluru City Police Commissioner B Dayananda had requested him to attend the felicitation ceremony for Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) at the Chinnaswamy Stadium on June 4.

"The Police Commissioner appealed to me to direct the RCB management to end the programme at the stadium in 10 minutes. Hence, I went there and instructed the organisers accordingly," he said during a debate on the June 4 stampede that claimed 11 lives.

Shivakumar's remark came after Leader of the Opposition R Ashoka asked why the deputy chief minister had attended the event if the government had not permitted it.

I wept and offered to resign after Ch'nagar deaths: Suresh Kumar

▸ **BENGALURU, DHNS:** Senior BJP leader and former minister S Suresh Kumar said on Friday that he had "wept uncontrollably" and offered to resign after the death of 36 people in Chamarajanagar due to oxygen shortage during the Covid pandemic.

"Ashoka was in the Cabinet. He knows how I wept and offered to resign," Kumar said.

At the time, Kumar was the district in-charge minister of Chamarajanagar, and Dr K Sudhakar was the health minister.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, however, hit back at Kumar for calling the state government an "abettor" in the June 4 stampede at Chinnaswamy Stadium. "I don't know if you resigned or stayed on. But you didn't call Sudhakar and Basavaraj Bommai abettors. This shouldn't be politicised," he said.

Had suffered ligament tear while playing Kabaddi with legislators: CM

▸ **BENGALURU, DHNS:** Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Friday recalled his sporting days, saying he suffered two ligament injuries while playing kabaddi with fellow legislators in 2005.

"I am a cricket follower, not a fan. I have never played cricket. In high school, I would fight and play, get out, and leave. kabaddi was my game," he said. "On Legislators' Day, I went to play kabaddi. Sakleshpur Vishwanath came to catch me and fell on me. He was well built, and I got two ligament cuts — one on the knee and another below it. Fortunately, I recovered," he recounted. He said in the same year, after being expelled from JD(S), he attended Ahinda convention in Hubballi, while still limping.

Council clears Tourism Trade Bill

BENGALURU, DHNS: Tourism Minister H K Patil has said that tourism does not just mean temple tourism.

Tabling the Karnataka Tourism Trade (Facilitation and Regulation) (Amendment) Bill 2025 in the Legislative Council, Patil said: "We are not just looking at getting revenue from tourism. What we get from temple tourism is the money offered by the devotees. Our idea is to showcase the state's tourist places," he said.

The members across party lines urged the government to improve basic facilities at places where the number of tourists are high. After a detailed discussion the House cleared the bill.

K'taka tops per capita income due to guarantees: CM

'Fiscal constraints due to BJP govt's mismanagement'

BENGALURU, DHNS

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Friday rubbished the Opposition's argument that development activities had taken a backseat, while asserting that the five 'guarantee' schemes had resulted in Karnataka having the highest per capita income.

Siddaramaiah was replying in the Legislative Assembly to the debate on "lack of development" initiated by Leader of the Opposition R Ashoka.

"Until now, we've spent Rs 96,000 crore on the 'guarantee' schemes. It is because of these schemes that Karnataka is number one in the country in terms of per capita income," Siddaramaiah added.

The CM said Karnataka's per capita income is Rs 2.04 lakh. "Many think that the guarantee schemes aren't development programmes. How is this possible without development?" he asked. "Purchasing power has increased. Every household is getting Rs 4,000-5,000 per month. Isn't this development?"

SIDDARAMAIAH
Chief Minister

"You (BJP) invited tenders for works worth Rs 2.7 lakh crore without budgetary allocation. Also, Rs 1.66 lakh crore was sanctioned as the CM's discretionary grants. That's why pending bills rose.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah is all smiles while making a point in the Legislative Assembly on Friday. Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar is also seen.

The CM claimed that the Shakti scheme - free bus travel for women - has increased the employment rate by 23% in Bengaluru and 21% in Hubballi-Dharwad.

Karnataka is facing fiscal constraints not due to the 'guarantee' schemes, but because of mismanagement by the previous BJP government, Siddaramaiah said.

"You (BJP) invited tenders for works worth Rs 2.7 lakh crore without budgetary allocation. Also, Rs 1.66 lakh crore was sanctioned as the CM's discretionary grants. That's why pending bills rose," the CM added.

Siddaramaiah again pointed out that Karnataka's share in taxes was reduced under 15th Finance Commission. "The state has faced total loss of Rs 80,000 crore. Such a loss makes it difficult to reach expected levels of development," he said. "Despite all this, we've given a budget sized Rs 4.09 lakh crore, up from Rs 3.71 lakh crore. How can development take backseat?" he said.

White Paper

Siddaramaiah told the Assembly that his government will release a whitepaper on centrally sponsored schemes (CSS).

"Some [Congress] MLAs have demanded White Paper. A few years ago, Centre's share in CSS was 75%. Under PM Modi, it's down to 58%-60%. People should know about this. In a few days, we'll give White Paper on this," he said.

Grants to all MLAs

Responding to demands by Opposition MLAs that their constituencies must be provided grants, Siddaramaiah assured them that funds will be provided "depending on available resources".

The CM said Rs 8,000 crore has been earmarked for infrastructure development. "We will distribute this among all MLAs," he said. Siddaramaiah assured Opposition MLAs that he would call a meeting to discuss their constituency needs.

'242 cases of atrocities against shepherds in 3 yrs'

BENGALURU, DHNS

Minister for Animal Husbandry K Venkatesh on Friday informed the Legislative Council that 242 cases of atrocities against shepherds had been registered in the state in the last three years.

He was speaking during the discussion on the "Karnataka Traditional Nomadic Shepherds (Welfare Measures and Protection Against Atrocities) Bill 2025."

Some BJP legislators expressed concerns over the punishment and penalty clauses and said they could be misused. Responding to this, the minister said, "When shepherds migrate, people commit crimes against them. For eg, they take away the sheep, attempt sexual harassment against the women of shepherd families etc.. To curb such acts and instill fear rather than merely punish, stringent provisions have been included."

BJP member P H Pujar said that the bill includes a provision for years of imprisonment for verbally abusing shepherds. He suggested removing the imprisonment clause, while suggesting continuing of the monetary penalties which would suffice.

Leader of the Opposition Chalavadi Narayanaswamy said that just as there are shepherds, there are also cattle herders, donkey herders, and pig herders.

"The protections and benefits granted to shepherds under this bill should be extended to them as well, or a separate law should be framed for cattle herders to ensure protection for all in this profession," he urged. He also insisted that instead of punishment, there should be provisions for reconciliation.

Senior member H Vishwanath also supported the view that punishment should be avoided and fines should be imposed instead. He further advised the government to hold meetings with nomadic shepherds. The Legislative Council approved the bill after a detailed discussion.

Ravi slams Cong over 3-category SC quota reclassification

'Move aims to keep some party leaders happy, ignores Das panel report'

BENGALURU, DHNS

BJP MLC C T Ravi on Thursday accused the Congress government of prioritising political appeasement over genuine social justice for the masses.

He attacked the government's decision to reclassify reservation categories among Scheduled Caste communities.

Addressing a gathering at the ongoing protest by nomadic and semi-nomadic communities at Freedom Park here, Ravi alleged that the policy was tailored to please a select few within the Congress party, rather than ensuring equitable justice for marginalised communities.

He directly named AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge, Social Welfare Minister Dr H C Mahadevappa and former minister H Anjaneya as key beneficiaries of this politically motivated decision.

"This isn't about justice for the masses — it's about pleasing three or four individuals in Congress. Their decision lacks transparency and is not based on credible data or logic," Ravi charged.

Lashing out at the decision to divide the SC communities into three categories instead of the five recommended by the Justice Nagamohan Das Commission, the former minister questioned the basis of the move.

"Are they Sarvajnas (know-all people)? What is the basis for this classification? Census? Caste survey? Socio-economic study? What data was this based on," he asked.

He said the government had not only ignored the recommendations of the Justice Das Commission, but also disregarded findings from earlier expert bodies.

"This government's biggest achievement is spending Rs 112 crore and producing no results. Not only the Justice Das commission, this government ignored key findings from previous commissions, including those led by Justice Sadashiva and J C Madhuswamy," Ravi said.

"They are behaving like Brihaspatis. If they knew everything, then why did they need the Justice Das report?"

Calling for immediate redressal of the grievances faced by nomadic and semi-nomadic communities, Ravi issued a stern warning: "Give a voice to the voiceless communities. If you don't, history will not forgive you".

The BJP and JD(S) members stage a protest in the Legislative Council on Friday, demanding that the government withdraw the restriction on the use of DJ sound systems after 10 pm during the Ganesha festival celebration. DH PHOTO/PRASHANTH H G

Furore over 'curbs' on Ganesha festival in Council

BENGALURU, DHNS

The "restrictions" imposed by the government on the celebration of the Ganesha festival led to a heated argument in the Legislative Council on Friday, leading to the adjournment of the House.

Raising the issue, BJP member Shashil Namoshi demanded that the government insist that the deputy commissioner of the Kalaburagi district withdraw the restrictions imposed for the celebration of the Ganesha festival. "Why such impositions only for Hindu festivals?" he sought to know.

Joining the debate, Pradeep Shettar, another BJP MLC, stated that no such restrictions were imposed for festivals of other religions. "Even the British did not impose such restrictions. While other religions were allowed to use loudspeakers three times a day, why are curbs imposed only for Hindu festivals? The government must withdraw this," he demanded.

This led to heated arguments, and Council Chairman Basavaraj Horatti questioned the government as to what was there to restrict in the festival celebration.

Floor leader N S Boseraju informed the House that the deputy commissioners have the discretion to issue such orders, considering the situation at the local level. "We cannot tell them not to issue such orders. It is their discretion," Boseraju said.

Triggered by the reply, BJP and JD(S) members staged a protest, shouting "Congress is anti-Hindu."

When the members did not oblige to stop the arguments, Horatti adjourned the House sine die.

State lost Rs 80k cr to illegal mining, says H K Patil

BENGALURU, DHNS

Minister for Law and Parliamentary Affairs H K Patil told the Legislative Council on Friday that Karnataka had endured a loss of Rs 80,000 crore because of illegal mining.

He was speaking during the presentation of the Karnataka Appointment of Recovery Commissioner for Seizure and Attachment of Property of illegal Mining and Proceedings of Crime Bill 2025.

"Between 2006 to 2011, illegal mining was so rampant that the amount of iron ore exported illegally is unimaginable. To recover this looted money, we are appointing a Recovery Commissioner," Patil said.

The minister added "as per the information we have, at least 20 crore metric tonnes of iron ore have been transported illegally. At the rate of 4,003 per tonnne, the state exchequer has suffered a loss of Rs 80,000 crore. Recovering this amount is the duty of a responsible government."

As explained by the minister the Recovery Commissioner will undertake the task of confiscating, seizing, and attaching properties derived from organised crime, systematic conspiracy, and proceeds of crime.

He stated that 111 companies involved in large-scale and medium-scale illegal mining fall under Categories B and C, and SIT and CBI investigations were underway regarding them.

Although BJP members welcomed this bill, they argued that appointing a single officer of ACS rank or a retired officer as Recovery Commissioner would not be very beneficial. Such an officer may face excessive pressure. They suggested only if three or four people are appointed as Recovery Commissioners then it will be possible to recover the vast amount of looted money. The members also suggested appointment of Magistrates as Recovery Commissioners.

Not only should the looted money be recovered, but penalties should also be imposed, they insisted. The Legislative Council approved this bill.

Assembly sees wordplay over Yatnal's new party plan

BENGALURU, DHNS: Expelled BJP lawmaker Basanagouda Patil Yatnal said in the Assembly on Friday that he was forming his own party, which led to a lively banter with Chief Minister Siddaramaiah.

During a discussion on development, Siddaramaiah said his BJP predecessor Basavaraj Bommai had indiscriminately sanctioned grants to all lawmakers.

Yatnal pointed out that even Siddaramaiah, then the Badami MLA, also received grants. Irked, Siddaramaiah said: "Sit down. You've been expelled."

Basanagouda Patil Yatnal

Retorting, Yatnal said Siddaramaiah, too, was expelled by H D Deve Gowda from the JD(S). "Those who get expelled become the CM," Yatnal quipped.

"I'll be happy if you become the CM. But from which party? BJP has expelled you. Form a new party if you want to become the CM," Siddaramaiah said.

Yatnal said he was forming a "non-adjustment" political party. "We're just trying to make sure our party doesn't damage the BJP and benefit Congress," he said.

Siddaramaiah maintained that Congress will benefit if Yatnal formed a new outfit. To this, Yatnal said Siddaramaiah will not become the CM again. "Yes, I won't become the CM next," Siddaramaiah said.

"Since you won't become the CM again, all your votes will come to our party," Yatnal said. Siddaramaiah said at no cost will Congress' votes to go Yatnal's party. "You're anti-SC/ST, anti-OBC and anti-minorities," he said.

Yatnal told Siddaramaiah that he would form a party with "your beloved disciple" K N Rajanna (who was sacked from the Cabinet earlier this month). "We're not against SC/STs. We're only against traitors," he said.

Siddaramaiah recalled Yatnal's statement that he did not need Muslim votes. "Yes, I have no regrets," Yatnal said. "That's why you'll never become the CM. You won't come to power," Siddaramaiah said. "In 2028, Congress will come to power."

The CM predicted doom for JD(S). "The JD(S) won 59 seats when I was its president. You're now 18. Next, it'll be only 2-3. It's better to merge your party with BJP," he said.

Leader of the Opposition R Ashoka said nothing lasts forever in politics. "Maybe (Siddaramaiah) fears his government will fall. We're waiting to see what'll happen after November," he said. Siddaramaiah replied: "I've no fear. We're 141 members."

When Siddaramaiah said BJP has never crossed the majority mark on its won, Ashoka said: "Write this down. We'll win 175 seats next."

Suresh Kumar bats for SWOT analysis of govt schools

BENGALURU, DHNS

BJP leader and former education minister S Suresh Kumar said on Friday that there should be a SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) analysis of government schools.

"Our government schools have a strength that private schools don't have. We need to see what that is. Secondly, what are the weaknesses? What are our opportunities and threats? Through a SWOT analysis, we can strengthen these schools," Kumar said in Assembly while initiating a debate on the condition of government schools and steps needed for their rejuvenation.

Suresh Kumar

Stating that the Constitution mandates free and compulsory education for all children from age 6-14, he said: "However, people expect that quality education should also be provided. There was a movie named 'Hum Kisise Kum Nahin.' A feeling should come that our children are no lesser than others. There's an inferiority complex about government schools. That should instead become a superiority complex."

Kumar cited four examples of extraordinary achievers from socio-economically underprivileged backgrounds to show that government schools could also perform very well.

The former minister felt the state government must adopt best practices from other states to enhance quality of education in government schools.

"A lot of children don't drink water and get dehydrated. That's why, they started water bells in Kerala schools. Here, students are given water once every two hours. Kerala has also introduced a U-type seating arrangement to ensure that the last bench students are not there."

Souharda Co-operative (Amendment) Bill passed in Council

BENGALURU, DHNS: The Karnataka Souharda Co-operative (Amendment) Bill 2025, which was defeated in the Legislative Council on Wednesday, embarrassing the Congress Government, was cleared in the Council on Friday.

The Bill was defeated as the Opposition BJP and JD(S) raised objections over some of the amendments proposed to Co-operative societies, including maintaining a statutory liquid ratio of 20% and designating cooperative societies as 'statutory liquid assets'.

However, as the bill was approved in the Legislative Assembly, the same was returned to the Council on Friday and was cleared without a debate.

Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister H K Patil placed the Bill again in the House again and Chairman Basavaraj Horatti announced that the Bill was passed.

Wear masks and run: BYV to CM, DCM as diggings yield zilch

He accuses Cong govt of hurting Hindu sentiments

BENGALURU, DHNS

BJP state president B Y Vijayendra said on Friday that CM Siddaramaiah and his deputy D K Shivakumar — who had earlier chosen to 'mask' the complainant in the Dharmasthala 'mass burial' case — were now themselves forced to 'wear masks and run'.

He accused the Congress of acting recklessly in the case and hurting Hindu sentiments.

Vijayendra told reporters here, "They found nothing in the pits they dug. Now, both Siddaramaiah and Shivakumar are panicking".

He said the party has already announced a statewide 'Dharmayuddha' (battle for the protection of dharma) over the Dharmasthala controversy, as the Congress government's actions have deeply hurt the sentiments of Hindus.

"This government has failed to act against the complainant or the nefarious forces behind him. For the past 15–20 days, a coordinated smear campaign against Dharmasthala is going on unhindered on social media," the BJP state president said. Slamming the Congress government's silence, Vijayendra said, "Despite this malicious campaign, no investigation has been launched. The BJP has taken up this fight and will continue till justice is done".

He said, "Siddaramaiah, sitting in Vidhana Soudha, was dreaming of uncovering something big. Like someone digging eagerly in hopes of striking gold, they imagined something would turn up. But even after digging 15 to 16 pits in Dharmasthala, they found absolutely nothing".

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'Mass hysteria' behind stadium...

Stampede, Flap P1

Siddaramaiah explained that stampedes were most likely at religious places, sports events, celebrations and mournings and instances of people running away in panic. He mentioned more than a dozen instances of stampedes where multiple people died in BJP and NDA-ruled states.

"In 2012, there was a stampede in Patna where 20 people died. At the time, the BJP/JD(U) government headed by Nitish Kumar was in power. In 2023, 33 people died at Baleshwar, Madhya Pradesh, when BJP's Shivraj Singh Chouhan was the CM. In 2024, 121 people died at Hathras, Uttar Pradesh, when BJP's Yogi Adityanath was the CM. In January 2025, 39 people died in Prayag Raj. Yogi Adityanath was the CM. Were there inquiries?? Did you demand an apology and resignation from all these people?

The CM also mentioned international incidents, claiming that 174 people died in a football stadium stampede in Indonesia in 2022.

Responding to the BJP's argument that the government should apologise, Siddaramaiah noted that three IPS officers, an ACP and an inspector were suspended, and that a magisterial and judicial inquiry had also been conducted.

"Justice can't be delivered by saying sorry. It's through such measures that justice will be delivered." Stating that he was "saddened" by the incident, Siddaramaiah added that it shouldn't have happened.

Opposition leader R Ashoka again urged the CM to resign. Not convinced by Siddaramaiah's reaction, the BJP staged a walkout.

Govt to reopen illegal mining...

Mining, From Flap P1

"In several cases, the Cabinet sub-committee found, prima facie, that reasons cited for filing the 'B' report were unconvincing. So, the government has accepted the sub-committee's recommendation that 'B' reports in the 29 cases must be reviewed," Siddaramaiah said.

Siddaramaiah said 'B' reports filed in eight other cases will be withdrawn as they have not yet been permitted by the courts.

"An investigation team will be formed to assess losses caused to the forest department," Siddaramaiah said. Further, a team of subject experts and law officers will be formed to manage cases pending before courts in Bengaluru and New Delhi.

The government has also decided to ask the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to either expedite cases in which it has not made progress for 10 years, or return them for a probe by the SIT, the CM said.

In 2010, Siddaramaiah led a 320-km foot march to Ballari to take on the illegal mining scam when the BJP was in power, which helped Congress win the 2013 polls and he became the chief minister.

The legislature has already passed a Bill to appoint a commissioner to recover the wealth lost due to illegal mining.

Didn't permit bike taxis to...

Bike taxis, from Page 1

It reiterated that the government was given time to stipulate its stand on framing the policy.

The appeals were filed by Uber India Systems, ANI Technologies Private Limited, Roppen Transportation Services Pvt Ltd (Rapido) and others.

On April 2, 2025, a single bench had ruled that bike taxi services cannot operate unless the state government notifies relevant guidelines under Section 93 of the Motor Vehicles Act and the rules framed thereunder.

It also held that the state government cannot be directed to consider applications for aggregator permits/licences.

Lingayat leaders hold meeting for accurate community count in survey

Discuss what to mention in religion, caste, sub-caste columns

BENGALURU, DHNS

Ahead of the socio-educational survey scheduled to begin on September 20, over 50 Lingayat MLAs cutting across party lines, along with top community leaders, met under the leadership of Forest Minister Eshwar B. Khandre on Friday.

The meeting resolved to back the Akhila Bharata Veerashaiva-Lingayat Mahasabha's initiative to ensure an accurate count of the Veerashaiva-Lingayat community in the upcoming survey.

The high-level meeting witnessed the participation of prominent Lingayat figures, including BJP state president B Y Vijayendra and ministers M B Patil, Sharanabasappa Darshanapur, Sharan Prakash Patil, S S Mallikarjun and Shivananad Patil, along with Mahasabha leaders Shankar Bidari and retired Justice Subhash Adi.

The leaders resolved to form a high-level committee to raise public awareness and to consult with religious heads (mathadhipatis) to guide community members on how to identify themselves in the survey.

Addressing the media after the meeting, Khandre, who chaired the session in the absence of Shamanur Shivashankarappa (unable to attend due to age-related health issues), said the discussion focused on what should be entered under the religion and caste columns during the survey.

"This is not a political meeting," he clarified, "but a non-partisan gathering of Lingayat and Veerashaiva legislators from all parties, convened with the sole aim of safeguarding the interests of our community".

He emphasised that a unanimous decision had been reached and that the goal was to ensure the Veerashaiva-Lingayat community was accurately represented in the state's data.

He added that awareness would be spread among community members with the cooperation of elected representatives and religious leaders.

"Our community has always stood for equality. We do not wish to deny any other community their rights, but we also cannot allow injustice to our own," he asserted.

Minister M B Patil, recommended that survey participants should clearly mention 'Lingayat' or 'Veerashaiva' in the caste column and their specific sub-caste under the sub-caste column, rather than mentioning only their subgroup identity.

Vijayendra called for unified support for the Mahasabha's decision, highlighting the prevailing confusion among community members regarding what to enter in the caste column. He stressed the need for a coordinated outreach to ensure that clear and consistent information reaches every household.

Former MP and senior BJP leader Prabhakar Kore echoed the importance of coordination, stating that all Veerashaiva-Lingayat organisations must first inform their members so the message can be disseminated effectively throughout the community.

It is reliably learnt that the meeting discussed the need to create awareness, advising community members to write 'Hindu' in religion column, 'Veerashaiva/Lingayat' in caste column and relevant sub-caste name in the sub-caste column during the survey.

Case against activist Girish Mattannavar, others

MANGALURU, DHNS

A case has been registered against activists Girish Mattannavar, Jayanth and others for allegedly obstructing police officers from performing their duties during an operation to secure the custody of activist Mahesh Shetty Thimmarody, for alleged hate speech against BJP leader National General Secretary (Organisation) B L Santhosh.

Girish Mattannavar

DK SP Dr Arun K said Brahmavar Police Station had registered a case under Section 196(1)(A) of the BNS against Mahesh Shetty Thimmarody.

As part of the investigation, the Sub-Inspector (Law and Order) attempted to secure the custody of Mahesh Shetty Thimmarody in Ujire village in Belthangady taluk on August 21, along with his staff, as per directions from senior officials.

However, when the police team reached activist Mahesh Shetty's residence, a group of people, including Girish Mattennavar and Jayanth, along with seven to 10 others, allegedly prevented the police from taking Thimmarody into custody, used force to obstruct official duties, and even threatened to circulate defamatory content on social media.

Although the police later managed to take Thimmarody into custody, he refused to travel in the police vehicle and instead insisted on using his private car.

This led to a convoy of around 10–15 cars following the police vehicle and creating further disturbance.

Based on a complaint filed by the police officer, Belthangady Police have registered a case under Sections 132, 189(2), 351(2), 263(a), 190, and 262 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS-2023). Further investigation is in progress.

Case against advocate

Meanwhile, a case has been registered against advocate Manjunath N for allegedly spreading false information regarding the ongoing SIT operations.

According to a complaint filed by Raghuram Shetty (44), a resident of Dharmasthala in Belthangady taluk, Manjunat issued a false press release on July 30 about the ongoing SIT-led exhumation of bodies. The release contained unauthorised information that could disturb public peace and create fear, thereby confusing the public, he said in the complaint.

Based on the complaint, the Belthangady police have registered a case under Sections 353(1)(b) and 353(2) of the BNS.

SC bins state's plea against HC's order on bail to HDK

NEW DELHI, DHNS

The Supreme Court on Friday dismissed a plea by the Karnataka government against the High Court's order which held that an FIR lodged against Union Minister and former CM H D Kumaraswamy in 2024 cannot be relied upon to seek cancellation of bail granted to the JD(S) leader in a 2014 mining case.

A bench of Chief Justice B R Gavai and Justice K Vinod Chandran declined to entertain the plea by the state government against the High Court's May 8, 2025 order. The government's plea was filed by advocate Vikram Hegde.

"With this dismissal, the order of the High Court of May 8, 2025, in relation to proceedings connected with the 2014 FIR and the anticipatory bail matter concerning Kumaraswamy, remains undisturbed," the minister's office said.

Justice V Srishananda of the High Court in his order had said that the trial court is at liberty to decide on the Lokayukta's petition for cancellation of the anticipatory bail, but without factoring in the FIR concerning threats made against a senior police officer.

The judge noted that the 2024 FIR has already been stayed by a coordinate bench of the High Court.

FIR over threat

Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) M Chandrasekhar lodged an FIR in 2024 alleging that Kumaraswamy, his son Nikhil and JD(S) MLA Suresh Babu had threatened him in connection with the investigation into the 2014 mining case.

The officer, who headed the Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the mining case, claimed he had written to the Governor of Karnataka in November 2023, seeking sanction to prosecute Kumaraswamy, who currently holds the portfolio of Steel and Heavy Industries.

In its order, the High Court said that, in the FIR of 2024 lodged with Sanjay Nagar Police for the offence punishable under Section 224 of the BNSS, 2023, the stay of investigation is continued.

"Therefore, for all practical purposes, the contents of the complaint culminating in the 2024 FIR cannot be considered by the trial judge, while considering the application filed under Section 439(2) of CrPC by the Karnataka Lokayukta," it said. However, the trial judge is entitled to consider any other grounds for cancellation of bail, it said.

CATTLE-CRAZY CROWD

A huge crowd cheers up a participant in a bullock cart race organised as part of the Hola festival at Rajeshwara in Basavakalyana taluk in Bidar district on Friday. Hola, a traditional agricultural festival observed by farmers, is centred around decorating, worshipping cattle and then using them for farming as a ceremonial gesture. DH PHOTO/TAJUDDIN AZAD

After reciting RSS prayer, Shivakumar affirms Congress loyalty

BENGALURU, DHNS

Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar's recital of the RSS' prayer *Namaste Sada Vatsale...* in the Assembly on Thursday has gone viral, with the Congress leader on Friday ruling out any scenario in which he would join hands with the BJP.

During a discussion on the June 4 stampede, he admitted that he partook in the RCB's celebrations.

"I'm a member of KSCA. The KSCA secretary is a childhood friend. I'm the minister for Bengaluru. I even kissed the IPL trophy. I did my job. There was an accident. I can also speak about what BJP said on June 4... I may not have trained in your ring. I have trained in (Home Minister) G Parameshwara's ring," Shivakumar said.

When Leader of the Opposition R Ashoka reminded Shivakumar of his RSS association, he broke into *Namaste Sada Vatsale...* Shivakumar recited the RSS prayer during an Assembly session in 2019 as well.

The DCM, who is also the state Congress president, spent his formative years attending the Vittal Shakha (camp) of RSS in Rajajinagar. Before Shivakumar made his Assembly poll debut in 1985, Congress-backed NSUI had denied him a student election ticket. At the time, BJP's Ananth Kumar unsuccessfully tried to bring Shivakumar into ABVP.

Speaking to reporters on Friday, Shivakumar identified himself as a "born Congressman". Asked about speculation over his RSS prayer chant, Shivakumar said: "There's no question of me joining hands directly or indirectly. I keep researching about BJP and JD(S) as a political leader. Similarly, I have researched about RSS, too."

He said RSS was investing "significantly" in the education sector. "The RSS is taking educational institutions into its fold in every district and every taluk. It is trying to reach students," he said. "I may have political differences, but as a political leader, it is important to understand who my friends and foes are. I have learnt about RSS' history for this reason," he added.

Banu Mushtaq to inaugurate Mysuru Dasara celebrations

BENGALURU, DHNS

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Thursday announced that Booker Prize winner Banu Mushtaq will inaugurate this year's world-famous Mysuru Dasara festival.

Speaking at Vidhana Soudha, Siddaramaiah said the Mysuru district administration would extend an official invitation to the celebrated author with full honours.

Banu Mushtaq.

He expressed pride over Karnataka receiving international recognition through Mushtaq's achievement.

"Banu Mushtaq's book *Edeya Hanathe* (Heart Lamp) has been awarded the prestigious Booker Prize. It brings great joy that a Kannada writer has earned such acclaim," he said.

In Hassan, Banu Mushtaq expressed happiness over being given the opportunity to inaugurate the Mysuru Dasara. "I am grateful for the love and respect shown by the government. It is a pleasure to be part of the Dasara festival and its programmes," she added.

Stray dogs: SC suspends previous order...

Stray dogs, from Page 1

Under no condition shall the feeding of stray dogs on the streets be permitted. The persons found feeding the dogs on the streets in contravention of the above directions shall be liable to be proceeded against under the relevant legal framework," the bench said.

It also directed for creating a helpline to lodge complaints against violations.

The court has proposed to expand the scope of the matter beyond the confines of Delhi and the National Capital Region, as the application of the Animal Birth Control (ABC) Rules is uniform all over the country and the same issues, taken up in the suo motu case, have either cropped up or are likely to exist in every state.

The court directed for impleading all states and Union Territories in the matter, so as to seek information from each authority regarding the steps being taken for compliance of the ABC Rules in their respective jurisdictions.

The court ordered transfer of all pending matters before the high courts to the apex court for analogous consideration along with the main matter. In its order on a plea by a group of NGOs and animal lovers against the August 11 order by a two-judge bench, the three-judge bench said: "There is not even the slightest doubt in our minds that the intent behind the order is salutary inasmuch as it works towards protecting the citizens at large from the attacks by the aggressive and rabid stray dogs."

However, it pointed out that there were certain vital factors that called for a balancing exercise so that the order could be taken to its logical conclusion.

The court noted the framework of the ABC Rules clearly provided that once the stray dogs have been sterilised, inoculated and dewormed, they have to be released back in the locality from which they were picked up.

ED detains Cong MLA's brother in illegal betting case

Raids 30 locations in four states linked to the legislator

BENGALURU/ CHITRADURGA, DHNS

The Directorate of Enforcement (ED) on Friday detained a brother of Chitradurga MLA K C Veerendra Puppy as part of a money-laundering probe into an illegal online and offline betting racket.

Veerendra

The ED officials picked up K C Nagaraj for questioning after raiding 30 locations in four states linked to the Congress legislator, his brothers and associates.

In a statement, the ED said searches were conducted at 10 locations in Bengaluru, six in Chitradurga, one in Hubballi, three in Jodhpur, two in Mumbai and eight in Goa.

The locations included five casinos — Puppy's Casino Gold, Ocean Rivers Casino, Puppy's Casino Pride, Ocean 7 Casino and Big Daddy Casino — allegedly run by the MLA.

According to the ED, the suspects were also operating online betting websites such as King567, Raja567, Puppy's003 and Rathna Gaming.

K C Thippeswamy, another brother of the MLA, was found to be running three business entities from Dubai — Diamond Softech, TRS Technologies and Prime9 Technologies — linked to the call centre and gaming businesses operated by the MLA, the agency said.

Another brother, K C Nagaraj, was also covered in the raids.

The searches additionally revealed the alleged involvement of Anil Gowda, brother of Congress leader Kusuma H.

Veerendra, 49, won the 2023 Assembly election from Chitradurga on a Congress ticket, securing 59.84% of the votes polled. He is a director in two Goa-registered firms — Puppys Technology Pvt Ltd and Rathna Gold Pvt Ltd—and in Bengaluru-based Anology Gaming India Pvt Ltd.

DH tried reaching the MLA, but his phones were switched off.

Assets seized

The ED said it had seized immovable assets worth about Rs 61.35 crore from Shantesh Gureddi and Jyothi Shantesh Gureddi, directors of Sri Kumaraswamy Mineral Exports Pvt Ltd (SKMEPL).

The action was taken under Section 37A(1) of the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999, for allegedly holding foreign assets in violation of FEMA rules, the agency said.

SKMEPL operates the Ramanadurga Iron Ore Mine in the Sandur reserve forest in Ballari district, with an annual production capacity of 2.80 million tonnes, according to its website.

SC: Deleted Bihar voters can apply with Aadhaar...

Bihar voters, from Page 1

The bench, however, said, "What are the booth level agents doing? Why distance between political workers and the local people?"

The court impleaded all political parties in the batch of petitions challenging the Election Commission's initiative launched on June 24 for SIR.

"Let the state electoral officer inform the state political parties about the order and they they need to be present in court and file status reports," the bench said.

The court directed booth level officers to acknowledge receipt of such forms. But such acknowledgement shall not mean completion of forms, it clarified, adding that the officials will consider the desirability of having such objections on the website.

Senior advocate A M Singhvi, appearing for a petitioner, sought a direction to use Aadhaar for 7.24 crores electors also.

One counsel claimed that most of the forms have been filed without a single document, so Aadhaar must be included.

The court, however, asked the EC to examine all the documents submitted and forms can be accepted with Aadhaar cards.

During the hearing, Dwivedi, said booth-wise list of about 65 lakh people whose names do not appear in the draft electoral roll of Bihar has been published on the website of all 38 district election officers in the state, along with reasons for their non-inclusion.

In a status report filed ahead of the hearing on a plea questioning validity of the SIR, the poll panel said non-inclusion in each case has been specified on account of death, shifting of ordinary residence or duplicate entries.

It stated that the said list has also been posted at Panchayat Bhavan/Block Development/Panchayat Officers' offices.

Advocate Prashant Bhushan, on behalf of the petitioners, contended that all those excluded may not be able to file their claims as some go outside from time to time for work.

In filing claims under Form 6, Aadhaar is permitted but again they have asked for some additional documents also from the 11 documents listed earlier.

The court said let the form be submitted only with Aadhaar or matriculation certificate.

Bhushan sought clarification that the application can be made online and that let Aadhaar be given.

Dwivedi said crores of people have been filing documents. He asked the court to wait and see and repose some trust on the EC.

◆ WEATHER ◆

Overview: Rainfall occurred at few places over North Interior and at most places over Coastal Karnataka and South Interior Karnataka

Forecast Aug 23: Rainfall to occur at many places over the state.

INTERIOR NORTH

Stations	Max	Min	Rain
Belagavi	26.3	20.2	0.6
Bidar	30.2	20.4	00
Vijayapura	29	21.2	0.6
Dharwad	26	19.6	5.4
Haveri	27	21.2	0.4
Kalaburagi	30.6	21.7	1.6
Raichur	30	22	00
COASTAL			
Honnavar	29.3	24.2	5.2
Karwar	30.2	25.2	0.7
Shirali	NA	NA	NA
Mangaluru	30.4	22	6.3

INTERIOR SOH

Stations	Max	Min	Rain
Agumbe	NA	NA	13
Bengaluru	29.4	20.9	00
Ballari	NA	NA	NA
Chamarajanagar	29.8	21.7	3.5
Chikkamagaluru	NA	NA	NA
Chitradurga	28.1	20.6	0.3
Davangere	28.5	20	00
Hassan	27.5	21.1	NA
Mysuru	29.4	20	00
Madikeri	NA	NA	NA
Kolar	29.3	20.3	00

OTHER STATIONS

New Delhi	34.8	26.2	0.1
Kolkata	28.4	24.8	12
Mumbai	29.3	25.8	03
Chennai	36.8	24.8	35
Pune	28.1	21.5	01
Hyderabad	29.8	22.2	00
Th'puram	33.2	25.1	00

Trust us, not one voter will fall through the cracks: Poll body to SC

Poll panel seeks 15-day window to prove no voter exclusions in Bihar

NEW DELHI, PTI

The Election Commission of India (ECI) on Friday asked the Supreme Court to repose faith in it for carrying out the special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in poll-bound Bihar and assured 'not one voter will fall through the cracks'.

A bench of Justices Surya Kant and Joymalya Bagchi, which was hearing a batch of pleas challenging the June 24 decision of the poll panel to conduct the SIR, allowed the excluded voters to submit their claims online or physically, emphasising the entire exercise had to be voter friendly.

It allowed claim forms to be submitted by excluded voters along with Aadhaar card number or any one of the 11 prescribed documents in the SIR.

Senior advocate Rakesh Dwivedi, appearing for the ECI, said none of the political parties so far filed any objections with regard to exclusion of 65 lakh voters from the draft list published on August 1.

He, as a result, urged the court to give the ECI a 15-day window to show there was no exclusion and said, "Give us some time, we will ensure that not one voter will fall through the cracks."

"The political parties are making hue and cry and things are not bad. Repose faith in us and give us some more time. We will be able to show you there are no exclusions," Dwivedi said.

The ECI informed the bench that around 85,000 individual voters who were excluded in draft rolls had submitted their claim forms and over 2 lakh new voters had come forward to register their names in the electoral rolls under the SIR exercise in the state.

"Voters are individually coming forward. Then what are these political parties doing? We are on the inaction of political parties. What are booth-level agents doing then? Why the distance between political workers and local people? These parties should come forward and assist voters in submitting forms," the SC said.

Dwivedi said the parties were actually "whipping up fear among the voters".

'Democracy lives': Cong welcomes order

NEW DELHI, DHNS: The Congress on Friday welcomed the Supreme Court order allowing excluded voters to submit claims with any one of the 11 documents acceptable in the Special Intensive Revision (SIR), saying democracy had survived a "brutal assault" from the Election Commission.

The party's general secretary for communications Jairam Ramesh said the SC had laid down guardrails to make the revision more inclusive by including political parties in the process.

The Congress welcomed the order on the Bihar SIR issue, he said, adding, "Democracy has survived a brutal assault from the Election Commission."

On August 14, he said, the Supreme Court intervened to set aside the EC's decision to withhold the list of deleted voters.

"The Supreme Court directed that the list of deleted voters must be published along with the reasons for such deletions. On August 14, the Supreme Court also directed the EC to accept Aadhaar cards as proof of identity for those deleted. Today, it reaffirmed Aadhaar as a valid form of ID that the EC must accept," he said.

"Today, the Supreme Court laid down guardrails to make the revision more inclusive by including political parties in the process. So far, the EC's approach has been obstructionist and contrary to the interests of the voters. We welcome this judgment, especially because it gives us an enforceable right which the ECI cannot ignore. Today, the ECI stands totally exposed and discredited. Its G2 puppeteers stand decisively defeated," he said.

Man arrested for attempting to scale Parliament wall

NEW DELHI, DHNS: A 20-year-old man, described as "mentally incoherent", attempted to scale the wall of Parliament on Friday morning but was apprehended by security personnel.

The incident occurred at 5:50 am, and the person has been identified as Ram Kumar Bind, a native of Bhadohi in UP who works in a factory in Surat, Gujarat.

"Today, around 5:50 am, one person at the boundary wall of Parliament, probably attempting to scale it, was promptly apprehended by alert CISF and Delhi Police staff... He seems mentally incoherent," police said.

Officials added that he tried to gain entry into Parliament by climbing a tree adjoining the boundary wall.

Central agencies, including the Intelligence Bureau (IB) and the Delhi Police Special Cell, questioned him to determine his motive.

The latest incident comes nearly one and a half years after two men jumped into the LS chamber from the Visitors' Gallery and released yellow smoke canisters.

Two others staged a similar act outside the Parliament House complex on 13 December 2023, coinciding with the anniversary of the 2001 terrorist attack on Parliament.

Only 2 of 46 qualify for VP polls after scrutiny

NEW DELHI, DHNS: A total of 46 people filed nominations for the September 9 vice presidential elections, but the returning officer rejected the papers of all but two. These candidates together had filed 68 sets of nominations.

According to an official statement, 28 nomination papers filed by 19 candidates were summarily rejected, as they did not provide a certified copy of the entry relating to the candidate in the electoral roll for the parliamentary constituency in which the candidate is registered as an elector or were filed after the last date for nominations.

On Friday, the remaining 40 nominations from 27 candidates were examined, and 32 papers from 25 individuals were rejected because they lacked the necessary number of 20 MPs each for proposers and seconders or because they failed to provide the Rs 15,000 security deposit.

Returning officer PC Mody, who is the Rajya Sabha Secretary General, found the nomination papers of NDA candidate CP Radhakrishnan and Opposition candidate Justice B Sudershan Reddy to be valid.

Those opposing PM-CM removal Bill fear jail: Modi

PM takes digs at Arvind Kejriwal, Rahul Gandhi, Tejashwi Yadav

Prime Minister Narendra Modi felicitates a beneficiary during a public meeting in Gayaji on Friday. Bihar Governor Arif Mohammad Khan and CM Nitish Kumar are also seen. PTI

ABHAY KUMAR
PATNA

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday launched a scathing attack on Opposition leaders for opposing the 130th Amendment Bill, which proposes to remove the prime minister and chief ministers if arrested and imprisoned for 30 days.

"We had a CM who was signing official files while sitting in jail. We have a leader who is out on bail but accuses me of destroying the Constitution. There is another one involved in 'rail ka khel', but is opposing the Bill. All those who fear jail are opposing the Bill tooth and nail," said Modi, without naming AAP convenor Arvind Kejriwal, Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, and RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav, respectively.

Modi was addressing the crowd in Bihar's Gaya, where, in an oblique reference to these Opposition leaders, he said Rajendra Prasad, the president of the Constituent Assembly, and B R Ambedkar, the chairman of the drafting committee of the Constitution, would not have imagined that someone would misuse constitutional power to the extent that they might run the government even when behind the bars.

"As per the new Bill, if you are arrested for 30 days and fail to get bail, you will have to resign on the 31st day," said Modi, adding that the law applies to the PM as well.

The PM, who also flagged off two trains and inaugurated a 1.8-km-long six-lane bridge on the Ganga, said he was going to initiate a Demography Mission. "The time has come when one will have to focus on demography and weed out infiltrators who have intruded into India and settled here illegally."

'Facilitating infiltration': PM targets Trinamool

KOLKATA, DHNS: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday accused the ruling Trinamool Congress of facilitating large-scale infiltration of illegal migrants from across the border to West Bengal.

Modi alleged that West Bengal was heading towards a social crisis due to the changes in demography caused by the infiltration and encroachment of the land of the farmers by illegal migrants.

With the Assembly polls just about eight months away, Modi laid the foundation stone for the Rs 1,200 crore six-lane Kona Expressway project, in addition to inaugurating metro rail services on three new stretches in Kolkata.

He also slammed the Congress, the TMC, and other I.N.D.I.A bloc parties for opposing the the 130th Amendment Bill, which his government introduced in the Lok Sabha.

PM did not utter a word on 'vote chori' during Bihar visit: Rahul

BHAGALPUR (BIHAR), PTI: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Friday criticised Prime Minister Narendra Modi for not uttering a word on his government's alleged attempt to steal votes by using the Election Commission during his visit to Bihar's Gayaji.

Addressing a public gathering on the sixth day of the Congress' 'Voter Adhikar Yatra' at Bhagalpur, Gandhi also attacked Modi for the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in Bihar.

"The SIR is an attempt by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the BJP and the EC to steal your votes. They are trying their best to snatch your voting rights. The 'vote chor' came to Gayaji, but he did not say even a word on his government's attempt to steal votes with the help of the EC," Gandhi said.

The former Congress president also wondered why Modi maintains a stoic silence over the issue.

"Vote Chori is an attack on the Constitution of India. The INDIA bloc will not allow the BJP to steal voting rights of the people of Bihar," he said.

All measures being taken by the NDA government are anti-poor, and it has closed all options of employment for the youth, Gandhi alleged.

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi during 'Voter Adhikar Yatra', in Bihar on Friday. PTI

Registration renewal fee hiked for vehicles older than 20 years

NEW DELHI, DHNS: The Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has raised the registration renewal fee for motor vehicles older than 20 years. The move is apparently aimed at discouraging people from keeping old vehicles.

The Ministry announced in a notification that the renewal fee for light motor vehicles (LMVs) older than 20 years had been doubled to Rs 10,000 from Rs 5,000.

For motorcycles older than 20 years, the renewal fee would rise from Rs 1,000 to Rs 2,000. For three-wheelers and quadricycles, the renewal cost will increase from Rs 3,500 to Rs 5,000.

In case of imported two or three-wheelers, the cost of the renewal of the certificate of registration will be Rs 20,000, while for imported vehicles with four or more wheels, it will be Rs 80,000.

The ministry, in October 2021, increased the registration and renewal fee for motorcycles, three-wheelers, and cars.

T'gana: 14-yr-old held for murder of 10-yr-old girl

HYDERABAD, DHNS: Hyderabad police solved the murder case of a 10-year-old girl in Kukatpally on Friday, four days after the brutal killing that had shocked the city.

According to police sources, the accused — a 14-year-old Class 10 student living in the neighbouring building — was taken into custody and has confessed to the crime.

The incident occurred on August 18, when the girl was alone at home. The minor boy had allegedly planned to steal money from the house while it was unoccupied, but the situation escalated fatally when the girl caught him in the act. The post-mortem report revealed that the girl had sustained up to 20 knife wounds across her body.

Fadnavis flips the script, accuses Congress of vote theft

MRITYUNJAY BOSE
MUMBAI, DHNS

Turning the tables, Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Friday accused the Congress of 'vote chori' amid allegations that family members and associates of senior Congressman Prithviraj Chavan were involved in voting in more than one constituency.

Chavan, the 79-year-old former CM and a minister in the Manmohan Singh-led UPA government, is considered close to the Gandhi family.

The allegation was made by BJP MLA Atul Bhosale, who had defeated Chavan from the Karad South seat in Satara. Fadnavis amplified Bhosale's allegations and hit out at Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, who has been accusing the BJP-led central government of vote theft.

Devendra Fadnavis

The development also coincides with the 'Voter Adhikar Yatra' being undertaken by Rahul in poll-bound Bihar.

"The Congress stands exposed. Our MLA Bhosale has clearly shown how the Congress is indulging in vote theft. It is up to Rahul Gandhi to respond to this revelation," Fadnavis said.

Building on Bhosale's allegations, BJP Maharashtra unit chief spokesperson Keshav Upadhye said, "It is said that only a thief knows the ways of a thief. It is the habit of thieves to steal and then make a fuss about the theft. Rahul's vote-stealing campaign is exactly that kind."

He further claimed that irregularities in voter lists warrant an investigation into whether the alleged vote-stealing was orchestrated from within Chavan's household. Pointing to multiple registrations linked to the family, with discrepancies in age and address, he questioned the credibility of appointing Chavan to the Congress' anti-vote-stealing committee, likening it to assigning a thief to recover stolen goods.

At a press conference on Friday, BJP Karad South president Dhanji Patil alleged that the names of Chavan's family members appeared twice in the voter list. Patil claimed that at least 15 people listed as voters in Chavan's house do not actually live there.

Responding to the allegations, NCP(SP) chief Sharad Pawar said the matter would be examined, but added, "There is a difference between 15 times, 150 times and 1,800 times."

BJP seeks feedback amid delay in naming national prez

AMRITA MADHUKALYA
NEW DELHI, DHNS

LEADERSHIP LIMBO

- BJP consults 86 senior leaders
- State appointments stall BJP prez poll
- RSS-BJP friction deepens delay

Even as the election of a new national president continues to face delays, the BJP top brass has initiated a crucial feedback exercise to help choose the next leader. According to sources, the party is reaching out to its senior ministers, chief ministers and other senior leaders for inputs on potential candidates.

Feedback is being sought on caste equations, popularity and political considerations. A similar process has also been used in the naming of the candidate for the vice-presidential elections.

Sources involved in the process said that the party has reached out to 86 key leaders for feedback that will help them make the next move.

"This feedback is not designed such that the maximum number of times a leader is named will lead to the leader being selected. It is done so that we have a deeper understanding of the caste equations at play, our political considerations and how popular a leader is," a senior leader of the party involved in the process said. Some of the leaders spoken to are key ministers of the Cabinet.

Technically, the delay in the process has been caused by the delay in the naming of presidents in key states including Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat and Haryana. Till now, new presidents are yet to be named in Delhi, Mumbai, Punjab and Manipur, too.

The party's constitution states that presidents have to be named in at least 19 of the 36 states for the party to proceed in the presidential election. "But the states that are yet to name presidents are key states, such as Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat and Karnataka," said a member of the party's parliamentary board.

The delay, several leaders said, stems from the BJP and the RSS failing to reach a consensus on the national president. "The RSS has never been involved with the party's internal matters since 2014, but this time, due to friction between the two, RSS has put its foot down," a party MP said.

Toll operators to be compensated for loss due to FASTag pass

NEW DELHI, DHNS: The National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) on Friday said that toll plaza operators will get compensation from NHAI for three months for the difference in user fee collections due to the introduction of the FASTag annual pass for private non-commercial vehicles beginning August 15.

The NHAI said in continuation of the implementation of the annual pass for cars/vans/jeeps with effect from August 15, it has been decided to adopt a uniform compensation mechanism for user fee collection agencies.

"This mechanism will be for existing contract agreements as well as for bids invited in the next three-month period. After three months, i.e., when the annual pass usage at each toll plaza is available, the bidders will be intimated about these annual pass figures in bids document and will be asked to bid duly accounted for the annual pass and thereafter no compensation will be given," it said.

The NHAI explained that the number of cars/vans/jeeps (non-commercial vehicles) crossing the fee plaza under the annual pass scheme shall be determined based on actual transaction data provided by NPCI through IHMCL.

'Godfathers' draw fire in Kerala Cong MLA's misconduct row

ARJUN RAGHUNATH
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, DHNS

While Congress MLA in Kerala, Rahul Mamkootathil, is caught up in a row over misconduct towards women, the political attacks over it seem to be aimed at state Opposition leader V D Satheesan and Congress MP Shafi Parambil, who are said to be Mamkootathil's 'godfathers'.

While the CPM and BJP are directly attacking Satheesan and Parambil for allegedly protecting Mamkootathil, the widespread social media campaigns targeting Satheesan seem to have the blessings of the rival camps within the party, too.

Satheesan and Parambil played a key role in fielding Mamkootathil as Congress candidate in Palakkad bypoll last November after Parambil, who was the Palakkad MLA, got elected to the LS.

Mamkootathil's thumping victory in the bypoll indeed strengthened Satheesan in the party, which was not going down well among a section of senior leaders in the party.

Satheesan is now being accused of failing to take stringent action against Mammkootathil, even as the actress Rini Ann George reportedly informed him about Mammkootathil's misconduct much earlier. Satheesan told reporters that he had taken necessary actions as soon as he came to know about it.

Even as CPM and its feeder organisations were staging demonstrations against Mamkootathil, CPM state secretary M V Govindan said that it was for the Congress to take a decision on whether Mamkootathil should quit.

Moreover, no case was registered against Mamkootathil so far. Hence, the Congress resists the demands for Mamkootathil's resignation.

PAINFUL MEMORY

'It has reopened wounds': Family of 6-yr-old on SC verdict on stray dogs

NEW DELHI, PTI

The Supreme Court order that brought a sense of joy to animal lovers across the country cast a long shadow over the family of six-year-old Chhavi.

The family claims that the verdict reopened wounds of a tragedy they have been struggling to come to terms with and one that took away their youngest member.

Chhavi, fondly called Bittu, was bitten by a stray dog on June 30 last year while walking to her aunt's house in northwest Delhi's Pooth Kalan.

The family recalls the dog attacked her without any provocation. Bleeding heavily, she was rushed to Dr B R Ambedkar Hospital and started on anti-rabies treatment.

Her condition, however, worsened weeks later. On July 21, her first day back at school, she began vomiting and lost strength in her limbs. She stopped speaking. Four days later, just days before her final vaccine dose, she passed away.

"We thought no other child would go through what Chhavi did," says her aunt Krishnadevi. "The first court order gave us a sense of relief. It wasn't just about our loss, we believed it was a step to protect others too," she added.

The SC's recent ruling that healthy stray dogs should not be moved to shelters but sterilised, vaccinated and released back to their original locations has been welcomed by dog feeders and animal rights groups, but it has left Chhavi's family disheartened.

While the court emphasised the need for compassionate care for stray animals, the family feels their concerns for public safety remain unaddressed. "The judgment has brought happiness to many, but we are still living with grief and fear," says Krishnadevi.

"We are not against animals. We only want children and the elderly to be safe," she said.

The family says they are not seeking conflict but accountability. "People feed dogs on the streets and leave. These dogs stay back, form packs and start chasing children. Even if there are feeding spots, who is responsible for that?" she asks.

Residents of the area say the presence of stray dogs continues to be a concern. "The dogs are still around. Every time we step out, it reminds us of what happened," said a relative of Chhavi.

Odisha: Class 2 girl locked in school overnight, HM suspended

BHUBANESWAR, PTI: Villagers in Odisha's Keonjhar district on Friday rescued an eight-year-old girl student whose head got stuck in a window grill of a government school where she was left locked overnight, police said.

The incident took place at the Government Upper Primary School at Anjar under Banspal block in Keonjhar district. The Class 2 student, identified as Jyotsna Dehuri (8) was left locked inside the classroom at school while she was sleeping on one of the benches, said Sanjita Das, one of the teachers.

The family members said that their daughter did not return home from school on Thursday and they searched for her all night. However, they, along with some villagers went to the school early in the morning and found that the girl's head had got stuck on the window grill and she was screaming for help.

"The villagers bent the iron grill and rescued the girl. She was immediately rushed to the local hospital. Her condition was stable after treatment," said Sita Patra, the cook of the school.

As the door of the classroom was locked from outside, she had to spend the night in the classroom and her head got stuck on the grill while attempting to escape from the closed classroom.

The district administration has suspended headmaster (in-charge) Gourahari Mahanta.

As per the direction of Keonjhar Collector Vishal Singh, the Banspal Block Education Officer (BEO) issued the suspension order of the headmaster on charge of negligence in duty and launched a probe into the incident.

A video of the girl's head getting stuck in the window went viral sparking a strong resentment across the state.

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Sedition law, in a tougher recast

The move by the Assam Police to file a case against two journalists of *The Wire* is an attack on the freedom of expression and defies the judiciary. The police summoned the journalists, Siddharth Varadarajan and Karan Thapar, in a case registered under Section 152 of the BNS, which relates to sedition. On August 12, the Supreme Court issued orders protecting the journalists from any "coercive action" by the Assam Police. A fresh FIR was filed against them the same day. The summons did not include a copy of the FIR or details of the alleged offence. It is a Kafkaesque situation in which two persons are summoned for questioning and threatened with arrest over crimes they have not been told of, under a law whose validity is uncertain.

On Friday, the Court granted the journalists interim protection from arrest. The cases ostensibly arose from a report published in *The Wire*, which quoted India's defence attaché in Indonesia stating in a seminar the loss of IAF fighter jets during Operation Sindoor. That a news report on a seminar has attracted such severe police action is significant. Journalists have the right to report and comment on events of public interest – it is an extension of the citizen's right to free speech and is the lifeblood of democracy. This right is in danger in the country, with journalists and media organisations under constant pressure to conform and comply with the government. The threat is real – the largest democracy is ranked 151st in the world press freedom index. If the cases against *The Wire* journalists and similar actions elsewhere in the country are an indication, the ranking is unlikely to see any marked progress.

Use of Section 152 of the BNS against journalists furthers a familiar agenda of muting expression

The use of Section 152 against the journalists is another case of police overreach. It is the IPC's Section 124A on sedition, only in disguise. In 2022, the Supreme Court had stayed the operation of the sedition clause and directed the government not to file any fresh FIR under its provisions. The government has brought in its place Section 152, a law harsher and wider in scope. Even as a petition against it is being heard by the Court, it is being wielded against journalists. On Thursday, the Assam police invoked Section 152 again, against another journalist who criticised the Central and state governments. The use of the sedition law against journalists is a gross abuse of power. It is for the Supreme Court to ensure that its order on sedition is not violated and circumvented with new variants of old laws.

Volume check: Law must prevail

With the Gauri-Ganesha festival approaching, the Karnataka Police have issued guidelines to regulate loudspeakers, processions, and immersion timings. These rules are not arbitrary curbs, but measures mandated by the Supreme Court to reduce noise pollution and ensure public safety. However, some BJP legislators, particularly from coastal Karnataka, have condemned the rules as an attempt to restrict Hindu festivities, claiming that limits on sound systems dampen the celebratory spirit. Only last week, during Krishna Janmashtami, police seized sound equipment for violating noise limits, and cases were filed against organisers. While the move triggered political criticism, the law remains unambiguous. The Supreme Court has ruled that freedom from noise pollution is a fundamental right under Article 21 of the Constitution. No individual or group has the right to blare music that travels beyond their premises and becomes a nuisance to others. The court has laid down specific restrictions: loudspeakers cannot be used between 10 pm and 6 am, except in emergencies; silence zones around hospitals, schools, and courts must be respected; and state governments may allow extended use till midnight for a maximum of 15 days a year to accommodate certain festivals. The Bombay High Court has gone further, banning DJs in processions. These rulings are binding, and the police are only following the law.

Festivals are no licence for noise pollution. Restrictions must be uniform across communities

Religious expression does not necessarily require deafening noise or unruly processions. Playing film songs from pandals at high volumes is neither spiritual nor culturally elevating. Children, senior citizens, and patients deserve peace, even amid celebration. Similarly, the rule requiring immersion before 11.30 pm is rooted in safety – drownings during late-night immersions have been tragically common. There is no religious sentiment attached to late-night processions; even Mumbai's famed Lalbaugcha Raja is immersed in the evening. BJP legislators have pointed to *azaan* on loudspeakers from mosques. The principle of equality demands consistency: restrictions must apply across communities. Where violations occur, action should follow.

Ultimately, the spirit of Ganesha lies not in noise or political posturing but in harmony. Festivals must be a source of joy, not inconvenience. The essence of the festival is not about how loud the music is, but how deeply the devotion is felt. The best tribute to the remover of obstacles is a responsible celebration – reducing noise, following the law, and embracing eco-friendly idols. In doing so, we honour both tradition and the rights of fellow citizens. A truly festive and impactful celebration resonates not just with sound but with a deeper sense of responsibility and compassion for every member of society.

DISPLACED AT HOME

Gaza's devastation echoes a history of betrayals

As Israel opens a new offensive on the ravaged enclave, the original promise of 'equal rights' sounds surreal

VAPPALA BALACHANDRAN

On August 19, Hamas said it accepted the new ceasefire proposal presented two days earlier by Qatar and Egypt to renew talks ahead of the planned major Israeli assault on Gaza City. This was mostly based on US President Donald Trump's envoy Steve Witkoff's plan, to which Israel had reportedly agreed. Consequent to this, Qatar and Egypt put pressure on Hamas to accept the proposal. However, a day after Hamas accepted peace, Israel bombed Gaza City and seemed to be going ahead with its threat of a large-scale offensive. This move by Israel leaves the outcome of the Qatar-Egypt peace plan uncertain.

The latest peace proposal, put together by Qatar and Egypt, envisages the release of 10 living Israeli hostages and 18 deceased hostages in exchange for 140 Palestinian prisoners serving life sentences and 60 serving sentences of more than 15 years. Israel will also release all Palestinian minors and female prisoners. A ceasefire will be effective during which Israeli forces would redeploy to the lines specified in the Witkoff proposal, and humanitarian aid would flow to the Gaza population.

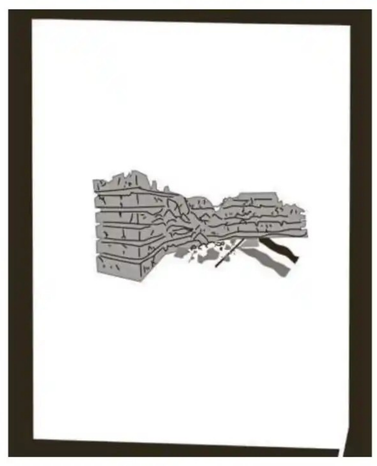
The peace bids coincided with a massive demonstration of nearly 400,000 Israelis on August 17 in Tel Aviv, supported by a grassroots strike by nearly one million in the country. While Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said he had heard about the Qatar-Egypt proposal, hardliners like Itamar Ben-Gvir opposed the idea. However, former defence minister Benny Gantz, who was earlier the Chief of the Israel Defence Forces (IDF), recommended that Netanyahu accept the proposal.

Israel's relationship with the Palestinians worsened after Netanyahu's Likud party aligned with the ultranationalists in 2022. His opponents had then said that Netanyahu was forced to go with hardline parties as his erstwhile liberal allies refused to participate in his government since he was on trial on charges of bribery, fraud, and breach of trust.

His present allies are United Torah Judaism, Shas, Otzma Yehudit, Religious Zionist Party, and New Hope, who believe that "the Jewish people have an exclusive and unquestionable right to all areas of the land of Israel." This includes portions given to the Palestinian Arabs by the UN Palestine Partition Plan, adopted by the UN General Assembly in 1947 as Resolution 181 (II), which created the Jewish State of Israel within the then Arab Palestinian State.

Netanyahu and his ultranationalist supporters disregard the fact that the Jewish nation could be achieved only with British help first and later through the Americans, especially President Harry S. Truman.

Chaim Weizmann, a British research scientist of Russian-Jewish origin who later became Israel's first president, also played an important role. Weizmann had helped the British government with acetone supplies during the First World War. It was on his request that the Balfour Declaration was issued in 1917 when the Jewish population in Palestine was only 18,000 (3%) out of 6,00,000.



National home, not National State

On November 2, 1917, Sir Arthur Balfour, British Foreign Secretary, conveyed to Lord Lionel Walter Rothchild the British government's "declaration of sympathy with Jewish Zionist aspirations" for the "establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people" provided that "nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine".

Larry Collins and Dominique Lapierre wrote in *O Jerusalem*, an international best-seller, that Weizmann had said in 1925: "Palestine is not Rhodesia, and 600,000 Arabs live there who... have exactly the same rights to their homes as we have to our National Home". Leaders like Netanyahu ignored this, giving rise to the perennial Israel-Palestinian problem.

The Truman papers indicate that Britain clarified, in the wake of Arab protests, that a "national home" did not mean a "Jewish national state". The Arabs protested when migration increased Jewish numbers to 83,790 by 1922. To this, Winston Churchill, then Colonial Secretary, gave an assurance that there was no intention to turn Palestine into a Jewish State. By 1939, Jewish numbers reached 4,45,457, which was one-third of Palestine's population.

On April 5, 1945, US President FD Roosevelt, while writing to King Ibn Saud of Saudi Arabia, assured him that no action would be taken in Palestine by America "which might prove hostile to the Arab people". However, his successor, Truman, altered this policy due to domestic considerations.

Truman, according to American journalist James Reston, was influenced by local political considerations that wanted British Prime Minister Clement Attlee to permit a huge migration of 1,00,000 Jews to Palestine on August 31, 1945. But he also agreed to participate in the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry to find a solution to Palestine. The Committee in its 'Report to the United States Government and His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom' (April 20, 1946) inter alia said: "Jew will not dominate Arab and Vice versa; that Palestine shall be neither a Jewish state nor an Arab state; That the form of government ultimately to be established, shall, under international guarantees, fully protect and preserve the interests in the Holy Land of Christendom and of the Moslem and Jewish faiths".

On April 2, 1947, Britain moved the UN General Assembly on the future of Palestine. UNGA appointed a special committee of 11 members, including India, to recommend a solution. On September 1, 1947, the Committee recommended two options: the majority plan was to partition Palestine into Arab and Jewish areas with Jerusalem under international control, while the minority plan, proposed by India, etc., was to have a federated State of Palestine, comprising two autonomous states.

The US State Department, which preferred the minority plan, was overruled by President Truman to pass Resolution 181 (II), creating the new Jewish State of Israel within the then Arab Palestinian State. Later, Israel breached this UN plan in 1967 by forcibly wresting East Jerusalem, the West Bank, and Gaza. Since then, Israel has been developing illegal Jewish settlements on Arab lands, forcibly evicting Palestinians who are rendered refugees.

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RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE

Wedding bells, Stockholm style

Minus the fuss, it was an affair marked by simplicity, warmth, and love

JAYANTHI SACHITANAND

My family crossed the seas to attend my youngest son's wedding in Stockholm, Sweden. He was to marry his partner of 12 years Lisa. Having had two weddings in India for my two older children I had braced myself to a fortnight of expenses, fatigue, confusion, lost tempers and a multitude of coordinating mishaps.

The wedding was funded and organised by the couple themselves so we had to just go with the flow. The guest list had 90 invitees.

On the eve of the wedding, I saw the bride happily go with her friends with a basket in hand. "We are going to get some flowers," she said. Being accustomed to florists reaping money for an opulent floral decoration, I was wondering how a basket would fit in all the flowers.

Stockholm in spring is beautiful with roads and gardens full of flowers and they plucked only a few. "We'll bring blue and yellow flowers to go with Lisa's saree" they said as they walked cheerfully away.

The morning of the wedding had a simple wedding ceremony which as per my son's wish I conducted. I learnt the seven vows of the Hindu ritual from my Sanskrit teacher, Shubha, and involved the family in chanting the vows. We rehearsed this several times and with the lamp substituting for the traditional fire we finished it in 15 minutes!

Although we had thought of the function as being attended by the two families, about 30 more guests turned up. They chanted 'om' in unison when asked to, paid attention to what was being said since my granddaughter did the English and German translations, and finally I understood the vows and realised how universal they were after 50 years of my marriage!

The evening was also a simple affair, filled with warmth and affection. The registration, again a no-fuss affair, was under a tree despite inclement weather because the couple wanted it that way! The registrar came and pronounced them man and wife and gave the marriage certificate and left.

Neither the couple nor the guests were overly dressed like we do in Indian weddings. There were no beauty parlour visits, drones and video cameras --an integral part of the typical Indian wedding. The couple mingled with the guests raised toasts, appreciated the Indian sweets and savories I had taken for them, and at 6 o clock dinner was served.

Guests were allotted tables and each table of about 10 guests took turns to get the food. No scramble for food and the evening was peppered with speeches or songs every half an hour. The guests had come prepared to spend over five hours with us and interestingly, paid total attention to the proceedings. They did not come in time for the meal and disappear there after. This was followed by music and dance which went on till the wee hours of the morning.

I was neither tired nor tensed and thoroughly enjoyed the process. The punctuality, affection and whole-hearted participation of the guests was memorable. I wish I had done the same for the earlier weddings too...

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Proposed bills undermine democracy, natural justice

Apropos 'Sweeping powers and the morality ruse' (Aug 22), the proposed Constitution (130th Amendment) Bill, introduced by Union Home Minister Amit Shah, seeks to disqualify elected representatives from holding executive office if they remain in custody for 30 days in a case punishable with five years or more of imprisonment. While the minister argues that the move aims to "elevate morality in public life" and restore integrity to politics, the provisions appear to undermine democracy and natural justice. These laws effectively authorise investigating agencies to unseat elected rulers, opening the door to misuse of law and judicial processes. If the government were genuinely committed to cleansing politics, it would prioritise judicial reforms and fast-track trials against tainted representatives rather than creating laws that bypass due process.
N Sadhasiva Reddy, Bengaluru

Compassion and safety

The Supreme Court's ruling on sterilisation, vaccination, and feeding zones for stray dogs is a step in the right direction, but its effectiveness depends on proper implementation. Stray dogs are part of our streets, and they deserve care, not cruelty. Public safety cannot be ignored, and constant reports of dog attacks highlight the need for a balanced approach. Instead of pitting people against animals, we should focus on creating safe and humane systems. If local authorities follow through with sterilisation drives, clear feeding areas, and partnerships with NGOs, both animals and people can coexist without fear. Compassion and safety must go hand in hand.
Sahasra G, Bengaluru

Regulate, don't ban

While the recent ban on real-money online gaming will protect youth from addiction, it risks curtailing jobs and innovation in a growing industry. Instead of prohibition, strict regulation with age checks, spending limits, and taxation would be more effective. A balanced policy can safeguard players while supporting economic growth. By regulating the industry rather than banning it outright, the government can promote a safer and more sustainable online gaming environment.
Ananya Ghosh, Bengaluru

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SPEAK OUT

What kind of debate is this (opposing the Constitution [130th Amendment] Bill)? It is a question of morality....

Amit Shah, Union Home Minister

And what sort of lives do these people, who pose as being moral, lead themselves? My dear fellow, you forget that we are in the native land of the hypocrite.

Oscar Wilde

TO BE PRECISE

DK Shivakumar sings RSS anthem in Karnataka assembly

IN PERSPECTIVE

New bill: Posture and purpose

Beyond the stated motives, the proposed amendment may have political utility for a government under fire

BRIJESH KALAPPA

TheConstitution (130th Amendment) Bill comes with provisions for the Prime Minister, Chief Ministers, and ministers detained in custody for 30 consecutive days, for offences punishable with imprisonment for five years or more, to be removed from office by the 31st day. The powers for removing them will be held by the President, the Chief Minister (in case of state ministers), the Governor (for chief ministers), and the Lieutenant-Governor (for chief ministers of UTs).

Predictably, the Opposition parties are up in arms, because the bill, referred to a Joint Parliamentary Committee, comes at a time when the Narendra Modi-led Union government is at the receiving end on multiple issues, both domestically and internationally. Political analysts could argue that this is an attempt to shore up the government's reputation, which has suffered repeated blows at the hands of US President Donald Trump. Meanwhile, the Opposition under Rahul Gandhi has also been hitting out against the government on 'vote-*chori*', causing the Election Commission of India (ECI) to hold an unprecedented press conference to respond to the charges of electoral mismanagement. While the EC battles it out, with its responses only triggering more questions, the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government could suffer the real damage because the voter, inevitably, sees the government and the Commission as one.

The government's stated motive behind the amendment is to bring "morality" back into public office. But it could be argued that the bill is aimed at diverting public attention from the allegations around the elections. The reasons notwithstanding, the bill is inherently flawed and may not be able to withstand judicial scrutiny. There is context in past observations by the Supreme Court. At least three different benches of the apex court have made scathing remarks against the Modi government's penchant for misusing central agencies to settle political scores. A bench observed recently, while dealing with a petition filed by MP Karti Chidambaram, that the Enforcement Directorate "cannot act like a crook." Chief Justice Gawai noted that the ED was "crossing all limits" while stating that "we know what you are doing", and advised the government to "settle political battles politically."

Legal principles undermined

Several leaders in the Opposition fold have made a beeline for the BJP after facing charges at the hands of agencies under the control of the government. Even if the claims regarding the misuse of agencies are contestable, the question is, does the law permit a person who has not been convicted after due process to suffer the consequences of his pre-trial arrest? Blackstone's ratio of the 18th century – let a hundred persons go scot-free, let not one innocent suffer – is directly hit by the proposed amendment. Thus, the legal principle of 'innocent until proven guilty' would take a serious knock. From this standpoint, well-entrenched legal principles that have withstood the challenges of time are being turned on their head.

The idea of a Police State with untrammelled powers stands in conflict with a parliamentary democracy. Furthermore, with retired and even sitting judges of the Supreme Court commenting on a section of the judges being pliant or corrupt, or both, the bill could play havoc on the political system.

Previous legislations have stipulated that offending members lose their membership in the Legislature. But those members were held guilty after due process was followed. The present bill, however, takes out the idea of trial and conviction. It may be possible for even a proven offender to argue that he or she has already faced punishment by loss of office and, therefore, the rule of double jeopardy ought to apply. This will cast a cloud over the punishment levied by courts. This is, of course, a hypothesis, but repeatedly supported hypotheses can often contribute to the formulation of laws.

There is another contention on the motives behind the amendment. Given the manner in which the numbers in Parliament are stacked, passage for the amendment is almost impossible because it will require two-thirds support. Considering that the ruling coalition is well short of the required numbers, the possibility of a diversionary agenda has also gained credence. By setting the stage for an intense political debate around the new bill, the BJP may even be eyeing returns for its alliance with the JD(U) in the upcoming Assembly election in Bihar. For the party, this is also an opening to play the card of morality, which this dispensation is losing anyway.

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Six years after J&K was stripped of its special status, the clamours for statehood have grown louder in both the Union Territories that the erstwhile state was split into. *DH*'s **Zulfikar Majid** reports.

STRIVING FOR STATEHOOD

NC's campaign vs BJP's security refrain

The Supreme Court's latest observation on the restoration of Jammu and Kashmir's statehood has set off fresh political manoeuvring in Srinagar and sharpened the pressure on Chief Minister Omar Abdullah's almost year-old government.

Last week, while hearing a petition seeking directions to the Union government to fulfil its assurance of statehood for J&K, the apex court asked petitioners to be "mindful of ground realities," specifically citing the April 22 terror attack that killed 25 tourists and a local resident at Baisaran in Pahalgam in J&K. The court gave the Centre eight weeks to respond but stopped short of issuing any binding order.

In his Independence Day speech at Srinagar's Bakshi Stadium, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah announced a door-to-door signature campaign across all 90 Assembly constituencies, pledging to present the demand for statehood directly to the Supreme Court before the Centre files its reply.

"This is not just about a status. It is about our dignity," he said. "If people are not ready to sign, I will accept defeat."

The campaign is Abdullah's boldest political move since the National Conference (NC) returned to power last year with a clear majority, riding on promises to fight for the restoration of statehood for J&K.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah said that statehood would be restored "at an appropriate time" once security stabilises.

Holding on to Union Territory status gives the Centre direct control over a sensitive region and slows down the NC's consolidation of power. For the BJP's base in Jammu, the UT framework is framed as protection against "separatist-friendly politics" in the Valley.

"This approach is not without political cost," said political analyst Gul Mohammad Wani. "Many in J&K who voted for the NC in 2024 expected faster progress. The perception that Omar cannot deliver on his core promise plays directly into the BJP's narrative that regional parties mislead people on constitutional issues."

Before August 5, 2019, J&K had its own constitution, flag, and considerable autonomy under Article 370. Parliament's decision to abrogate the provision and split the state into the UTs of J&K and Ladakh was justified by the Modi government as essential for integration and to curb separatism.

The BJP has since argued that the reorganisation has strengthened security, citing reduced militant recruitment and fresh investment proposals. Regional parties counter that political disempowerment and bureaucratic control have deepened alienation instead of fostering integration.

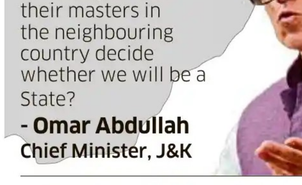
Abdullah now faces the dual challenge of retaining public trust while negotiating with a Centre that holds all the cards. His signature drive seeks to demonstrate visible, quantifiable support that can bolster his political and legal case. Yet without Delhi's willingness, even overwhelming public backing cannot force immediate change.

"For the NC, the risk is that the campaign raises expectations that cannot be met soon," Wani noted. "In a place where credibility can collapse overnight, this could erode the goodwill from last year's victory."

For the BJP, the Supreme Court's eight-week window provides breathing space. The party strategists intend to use the period to highlight security threats, particularly after the Pahalgam attack, as justification for caution. The BJP is also preparing for municipal and panchayat polls later this year, aiming to expand its grassroots footprint in the Valley, where it has long struggled.

UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

Aug 5, 2019:
Article 370 of the Constitution is abrogated. The state of J&K is split into two UTs – J&K and Ladakh



Dec 11, 2023:
Supreme Court upholds abrogation of Art 370, says statehood must return

Sept-Oct 2024:
J&K elects a new state assembly after over a decade .

Apr 22, 2025:
26 killed in terror attack in Pahalgam

Aug 14, 2025:
SC says what happened in Pahalgam cannot be ignored, asks for Centre's view on statehood within 8 weeks

Aug 15, 2024:
Chief Minister Omar Abdullah announces a signature campaign to press for the restoration of statehood

"Will the killers of Pahalgam and their masters in the neighbouring country decide whether we will be a State?
- Omar Abdullah
Chief Minister, J&K

- NC's credibility will be at stake ahead of the municipal and panchayat polls in J&K if the campaign fails
- BJP says that the restoration of the statehood of J&K will take time

UNION TERRITORY OF LADAKH

1988:
Mass agitation for UT status out of a sense of deprivation under the J&K state government

2019:
- Article 370 of the Constitution is abrogated, Ladakh is made a UT, and initial support turns into disillusionment.
- No legislative assembly, ruled by the Lieutenant Governor appointed by the Government of India

2019-2025:
- Absence of legislature, Delhi-appointed LG's rule lead to demand for statehood
- Fears over demographic change, ecological exploitation, and cultural erosion.

2021:
Ladakh Apex Body (LAB) and Kargil Democratic Alliance (KDA) unite to demand Statehood, protection under the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution, and a Public Service Commission for jobs

"Ladakh is India's glacier capital and frontline against China. Without safeguards, we lose our land, culture, and dignity. Statehood is survival.
- Sonam Wangchuk
Engineer, Innovator and Climate Activist, Ladakh

"Delhi is compelling us to agitate. We live between two hostile borders yet have no say in shaping our future.
- Asgar Ali Karbalai
Political and Social Activist, Kargil

- Delhi is cautious due to the region's proximity to India's disputed boundary with China and Pakistan

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Demand for dignity, control over land

Ladakh is witnessing one of its strongest political movements in its history – this time for full statehood and constitutional safeguards.

The irony is striking. In 1988, the Ladakhis agitated for UT status to escape perceived neglect under J&K's Kashmir-centric politics. That demand was fulfilled in August 2019, when Article 370 of the Constitution was revoked and J&K was bifurcated. Leh's Buddhist-majority population, in particular, welcomed the change, hoping for empowerment and development.

But optimism soon gave way to frustration. With no legislature, Ladakh's administration was left entirely to Delhi-appointed bureaucrats. Residents say they have little voice in decision-making, while fears of demographic change, ecological exploitation, and cultural erosion have grown sharper.

By 2021, two powerful coalitions emerged — the Leh Apex Body (LAB) and the Kargil Democratic Alliance (KDA). Historically divided along religious and regional lines, Leh's Buddhists and Kargil's Muslims found rare unity in demanding statehood, a Public Service Commission for local jobs, and safeguards under the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution.

Modelled on protections for tribal regions in the Northeast, the Sixth Schedule would empower Ladakh's Autonomous Hill Councils with legislative control over land, forests, and cultural practices. For locals, it represents a bulwark against outside corporate interests and unchecked settlement.

"Ladakh is India's glacier capital, a fragile ecosystem that sustains millions downstream. It is also the frontline against China. Without safeguards like the Sixth Schedule and an elected Assembly, we risk losing our land, culture, and dignity. Statehood is not a luxury – it is survival," said Sonam Wangchuk, educationist and climate activist, a leading voice in the agitation. From Kargil, senior KDA leader Asgar Ali Karbalai, warned of growing restiveness: "We had faith in dialogue, but Delhi is compelling us to agitate. Ladakh sits between the borders with two hostile neighbours – Pakistan and China – yet its people have no say in shaping their future. Statehood and constitutional protections are essential to secure our rights."

For New Delhi, Ladakh's strategic geography complicates the statehood demand. The region borders Pakistan to the west and China to the east – both seen as hostile. The 1999 Kargil war highlighted its vulnerability on one side, while the 2020 Galwan clash underscored the continuing threat on the other.

Officials argue that direct control of New Delhi allows faster decision-making on infrastructure, military coordination and security projects. Politically, granting statehood could also encourage similar demands elsewhere, undermining the centralising logic of the 2019 reorganisation. "This is not just about administration. Ladakh is where our two biggest enemies meet," said a senior security official.

The movement underscores a paradox. In 1988, Ladakhis sought UT status to shield themselves from marginalisation within J&K. After finally securing it three decades later, they feel even less empowered. Now, LAB and KDA are pressing for statehood and Sixth Schedule protections as a way to reclaim agency, dignity, and control over their land.

As protests, Delhi marches, and hunger strikes gather momentum, the Modi government faces a difficult choice: balance Ladakh's democratic aspirations with national security imperatives or risk alienating a frontier population whose trust is as critical as its territory.

SCIENCE & ENVIRONMENT

Onionlike space explosion may be a new Supernova

The rare blast peeled back the inner layers of a dying star, giving clues to the origin of the elements that make up life on Earth, writes Jonathan O'Callaghan

Carl Sagan once said we are all made of star-stuff. Astronomers have long predicted that some of the heavier elements in the universe that comprise our very being, like carbon and oxygen, are forged inside stars and released when they die and explode in powerful supernovas.

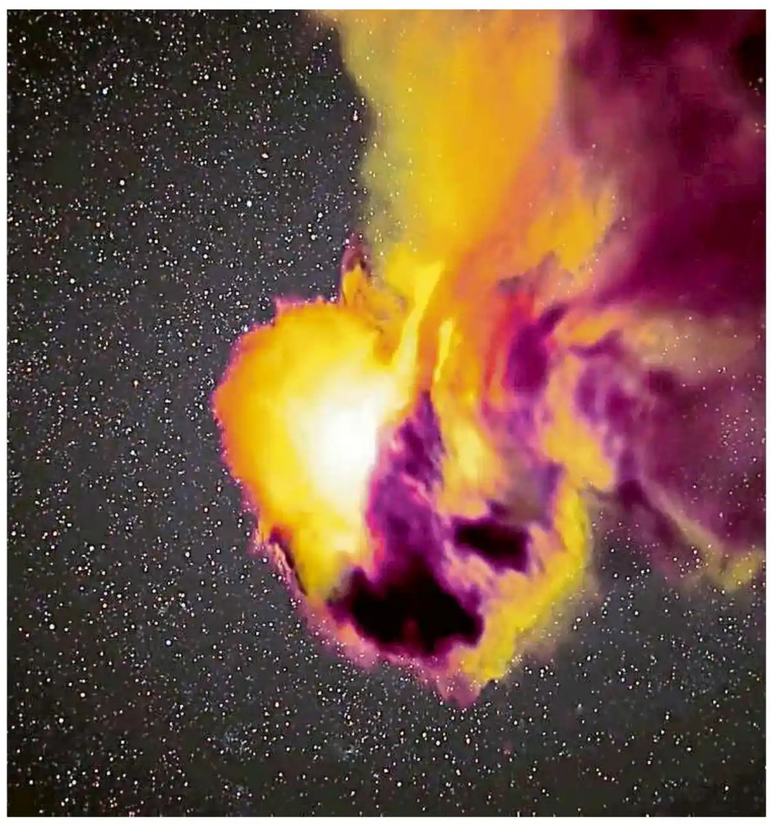
But astronomers had never seen definitive proof of this occurring deep inside stars. Researchers have now discovered a star about 2 billion light-years from Earth that shed its onionlike layers down to its heaviest material before exploding, hinting at where we came from.

"We know over 10,000 supernovas, but we detected a supernova that is very, very different to anything we've observed before," said Steve Schulze, an astrophysicist at Northwestern University and the lead author of the paper describing the discovery, published Wednesday in Nature. "We had no idea it was possible to strip a star to this extreme amount."

Schulze and his team discovered the supernova, called SN 2021yfj, from data collected by the Zwicky Transient Facility survey run at the Palomar Observatory in California. Additional observations using the Keck Observatory in Hawaii helped pick apart the explosion's light and the elements that were released.

Schulze and his team estimated the star to have been about 60 times the mass of our sun—quite a big one. Usually, when a star dies, astronomers observe a jumble of elements from its guts mixed and flung into the cosmos. But for some reason, this one's layers were stripped away over thousands of years before it exploded.

This is important because it gives a hint of the star's layered structure,



something never seen before. Scientists have long thought stars have onion-like layers. The outer layers, made of lighter elements like hydrogen and helium, give way to increasingly heavier chemicals like carbon, oxygen, magnesium, silicon, sulfur, argon and, finally, iron at the star's core.

The team observed the moment when the star's iron core exploded, lighting up a previously expelled stellar layer, which was rich in silicon, sulfur and argon.

Matt Nicholl, an astrophysicist from Queen's University Belfast in Northern Ireland who was not involved in the study, said that it "confirms this onion-skin structure of massive stars that we all expected to see."

What made the star steadily shed its layers isn't clear, but Schulze and his team favour an explanation in which violent internal pulses might have sequentially ripped material from the star.

However, the presence of helium in the star's final layer is confusing. "It's a fly in the soup that shouldn't be there," Schulze said. The element should have been one of the first layers ejected, as it is lighter. "The helium should have gone away thousands of years before," said Anya Nugent, an astrophysicist at the Harvard–Smithsonian Centre for Astrophysics and a co-writer of a news and views article published alongside the paper.

One possibility is that a companion star might have torn the star's layers away and injected helium into the lower layers. Another is that powerful jets might have shot away from the original star and "dredged up material," Nugent said, although no such jet was visible.

Supernovas are typically categorised into two main types: Type I, which lack hydrogen, and Type II, which contain hydrogen. SN 2021yfj would be a new class, Schulze said, which the team is calling Type Ien.

"The properties of this supernova are so unusual," Schulze said. "There is no object that is even remotely similar."

The team estimates that perhaps one in 1,000 supernovas undergoes extreme stripping like this one, but they are hard to spot because they tend to look quite similar to other supernovas unless you really pick apart their light in detail, like SN 2021yfj. "There was a lot of luck involved in making this discovery," Schulze said.

Astronomers might detect more Type Ien supernovas in the future using telescopes like the Vera C. Rubin Observatory in Chile, which is set to begin a decade-long survey of the cosmos later this year.

"Rubin is going to detect thousands of supernovae every day," Nugent said, perhaps with many more types awaiting discovery.

The New York Times

DID YOU KNOW?

Hidden network of submarine canyons

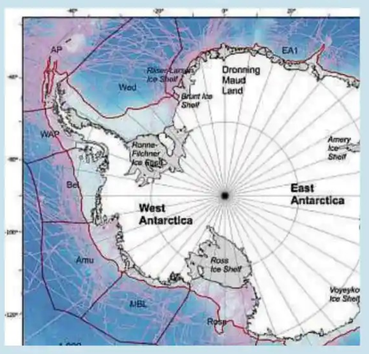
A recent study unveils a vast network of 332 submarine canyons beneath Antarctica's ocean floor, far exceeding previous estimates. These canyons, formed by underwater currents and glacial activity, play a crucial role in transporting nutrients, influencing ocean circulation, and impacting the stability of ice shelves.

The new map, published in the journal *Marine Geology*, was created using high-resolution bathymetric data gathered from more than 40 international research expeditions. Researchers from the University of Barcelona and University College Cork led the study.

Submarine valleys, also known as submarine canyons, are deep, steep-sided valleys carved into the ocean floor, often found near continental shelves. They are formed by underwater currents, glaciers and sediment flows, and help transport nutrients, support marine life, and play a key role in ocean circulation and climate systems.

These are not shallow—they can go as deep as 4,000 meters. David Amblas, a researcher from the University of Barcelona, explained that "Some of the submarine canyons we analysed reach depths of over 4,000 meters."

He also explained the systems of East Antarctica, which are complex, ever-dynamic and growing. Confined channels less than 10 km long, generally on the order of tens of metres deep and linear in plan view, are known as submarine gullies and are commonly found alongside or within canyon systems on the continental slope.



In contrast, West Antarctica's canyons are shorter and steeper, with V-shaped cross-sections, while the East's are broader and U-shaped, suggesting a longer and more intense history of glacial sculpting.

The icy blanket of Antarctica is a mysterious terrain, as most of its lands remain still mainly unexplored because of its thick blankets of ice, with many hidden secrets beneath it. These places might sound remote and mysterious, but they play a quiet, decisive role in our planet's health.

Submarine canyons transport sediments and nutrients from the coast to deeper areas. They connect shallow and deep waters and create habitats rich in biodiversity.

The canyons also play a key role in the way Antarctic waters move. Dense, salty water from the continental shelf flows down into the Southern Ocean through these channels, driving global circulation that helps regulate temperature and nutrients across the world's oceans. At the same time, warm water from the deep ocean can rise through the canyons, reaching beneath ice shelves and speeding up melting.

As oceans warm and frozen ice shelves melt, these underwater pathways could have an outsized influence on weather patterns, sea levels, and even the stability of massive ice sheets. And by using advances in mapping technology, researchers can now see deeper and more clearly than ever before, looking out to the once unimaginable landscapes.

These hidden formations influence how sediment, nutrients and water move between the coast and the deep ocean, creating rich habitats and impacting the global ocean currents. Crucially, they help to channel warm water toward ice shelves, resulting in their melting, and guide cold water back into the deep ocean, impacting climate systems like the formation of Antarctic Bottom Water.

- Surendra Pai

Kerala: Tribal youth assaulted, locked up in resort for 6 days

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, DHNS: A tribal youth was allegedly assaulted and locked up in a room for at least six days for having liquor without permission at a resort in Kerala's Palakkad district.

A group of locals and police broke open the room at the resort at Muthalamada on Thursday night and rescued the youth, identified as Vellayan. The police were informed by a local Dalit leader, Shivarajan, who came to know about it through a resort worker.

Two booked

The local police registered a case against two persons, including the resort owner, on various charges, including atrocities towards members of the SC/ST community.

According to local sources, Vellayan, who used to work at the resort, allegedly consumed liquor from an abandoned bottle found on the premises of the resort.

Agitated over it, the resort authorities assaulted him and locked him up in a room for six days without adequate food.

SC body condemns 'sexist' remarks by former judge

Justice Katju apologises, says it was a joke and deleted it shortly after posting

ASHISH TRIPATHI
NEW DELHI, DHNS

Former Supreme Court judge, Justice Markandey Katju, on Friday apologised for a post on social media that said "lady lawyers who winked at him got favourable orders."

"It was said as a joke, and in fact, I deleted the post shortly after it was posted. However, it seems many lady lawyers took it seriously and felt hurt. So I apologise, as demanded by the Supreme Court Women Lawyers Association," he said in another post.

Earlier on the day, the Supreme Court Women Lawyers Association on Friday unequivocally condemned the "misogynistic" remarks made by retired judge, Katju, who allegedly suggested that women lawyers could secure favourable judicial orders by "winking" at the judge.

'Assault on dignity'

"Such comments are not merely offensive but an assault on the dignity, credibility, competence, integrity and professional standing of every woman in the legal fraternity. It is deeply disturbing that a former judge of the Supreme Court, who once entrusted with the responsibility of upholding constitutional values, would trivialise the hard work and merit of women lawyers through casual sexism," a press release issued by President Mahalakshmi Pavani and Secretary Prernaa Singh said.

Coming from a former judge of the Supreme Court, they are particularly shocking and unbecoming of the dignity associated with constitutional office, they said. The Association demanded an unconditional public apology from Justice Katju.

President Murmu gives assent to Online Gaming Bill

AJITH ATHRADY
NEW DELHI, DHNS

The Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Bill, 2025, which aims to regulate the online gaming sector, received President Droupadi Murmu's assent on Friday.

"The Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Bill, 2025, receives President Droupadi Murmu's assent," a spokesperson for the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) confirmed.

Following the assent, a notification will be issued to declare the date when the legislation comes into effect.

This Bill, passed by both Houses of Parliament, prohibits all forms of online money games and promotes eSports and online social gaming, imposing penalties of up to three years imprisonment and fines reaching Rs 1 crore for facilitators.

Advertising such platforms carries sentences of up to two years and fines of Rs 50 lakh.

Earlier in the day, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology Secretary S Krishnan said that soon his Ministry will draft rules.

"As the bill is structured, even without rules, there are certain provisions that can come into force immediately. But that is a decision we will take," he said.

IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, while introducing the bill in Rajya Sabha on Thursday, said that it estimates that 45 crore people have fallen victim to online money games. More than Rs 20,000 crore of our middle-class families' hard-earned money has been destroyed.

Insisting that the World Health Organisation has declared it a gaming disorder, the Minister said that online money gaming has become a public health risk due to psychological disorders, compulsive behaviour, withdrawal symptoms, and violent behaviour.

SC bars Assam cops from coercive action against scribes

Siddharth Varadarajan

Karan Thapar

NEW DELHI, DHNS: The Supreme Court on Friday protected *The Wire*'s founding editor Siddharth Varadarajan and consulting editor Karan Thapar from arrest in connection with an FIR registered by Assam Police against them over a news article.

A bench of Justices Surya Kant and Joymalya Bagchi provided the relief to the two journalists upon a mention made by senior advocate Nithya Ramakrishnan against the fresh summons issued by the Assam police.

However, the top court asked them to join the investigation, saying, "Everyone is expected to follow the law."

The counsel said despite the court's previous order granting interim protection in an FIR by Morigaon Police, the summons were issued to the journalists in another old case filed by the Guwahati Crime Branch.

Ramakrishnan contended that the journalists might be arrested, as they were summoned on Friday for recording statements in an old FIR lodged in May.

Police question five in Gujarat's Rajkot over attack on Delhi CM

NEW DELHI, PTI: The Delhi Police is questioning five people in Gujarat's Rajkot for their alleged connection with the attack on Chief Minister Rekha Gupta, an official said on Friday.

The officer said they have already seized the accused's mobile phone and are following leads that have emerged.

"A total of five people are being questioned by the Delhi Police. We are also taking help from the Gujarat Police for a better understanding of the accused and his family members," the officer said.

The officer further said that these five people include the accused's family members and friends.

Rekha Gupta

"One person is already under questioning who transferred money to him. We may bring them to Delhi for further investigation and questioning. Our team will also question those who were in contact with the accused to know if he was planning this attack on the CM," said the officer.

The man accused of attacking Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta during a public hearing told investigators that he had planned to stage a protest at Ramleela Ground here against the Supreme Court's order on relocating stray dogs, similar to how social activist Anna Hazare protested over the corruption issue.

Man detained for sloganeering

A man was detained on Friday for raising slogans during Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta's programme in Gandhi Nagar, police said. He was immediately escorted out of the venue by security personnel, they said.

MISCELLANY

◆ COMICS ◆

Blondie

I'M NOT HAPPY WITH WHAT I'M SEEING AROUND HERE, BUMSTEAD, AND SOMEONE'S GOTTA PAY THE PIPER
LIKE WHO, BOSS?
GUESS
5-19
I'M GOING HOME EARLY, MARLENE... I DON'T GET PAID ENOUGH TO PAY THE PIPER!

Hagar The Horrible

DAD, I'M HAVING A PROBLEM WITH MY VIKING HISTORY HOMEWORK!
I CAN HELP YOU? WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?
THERE'S A SPIDER ON PAGE 34!
HELGA! HAMLET NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Beetle Bailey

Peanuts

Marvin

IF I BUY MARVIN A NEW STROLLER, WILL YOU ASSEMBLE IT?
WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE ONE HE USES NOW THAT WE GOT AT THE GARAGE SALE?
I THINK WE'VE GOTTEN ALL WE'RE GOING TO GET OUT OF THAT $5

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

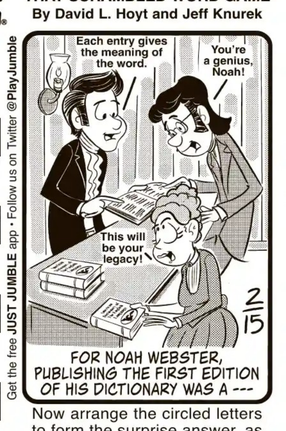
Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

CNIME

NILDB

MEEYZN

GTUFOH


Each entry gives the meaning of the word.
You're a genius, Noah!
This will be your legacy!
2/15
FOR NOAH WEBSTER, PUBLISHING THE FIRST EDITION OF HIS DICTIONARY WAS A ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: ENACT CEASE GOALIE DOMINO
Answer: The penguins enjoy living on the least-populated continent because of the — "ICE-OLATION"

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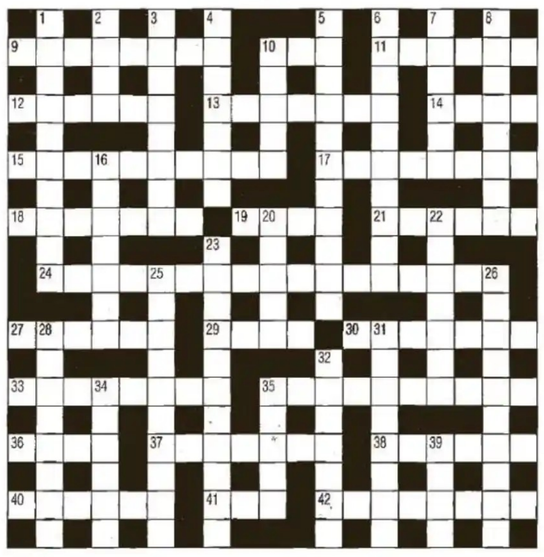
CROSSWORD CHALLENGE 4002



CRYPTIC

ACROSS

9 Write "turnover reduced" (4,4)
10 I don't approve of blackballs (3)
11 In the red, good gracious, in your bank statement! (6)
12 Gets hot and rain comes through to the central regions (6)
13 Walks to the street, then takes a bus? (7)
14 Don't have stabilisers, which does surprise you (4)
15 Had left in a hurry, one said glibly (7,3)
17 Said you obeyed the rules (8)
18 They acquaint one with the people who count (7)
19 Might but don't suffer in silence (4)
21 Are useful to an animal when it's swimming (6)
24 Admitting to having been atfault and relinquishing the seat? (8,9)
27 Show a delight in capturing (6)
29 Fit properly (4)
30 Left in "fine place to eat," though it's lacking point (7)
33 Attributes to the writer, while about it (8)
35 A loud "So the interior is below zero" (10)
36 Is a fool to tease (4)
37 Arguments are marshalled by the children (7)
38 Father got a turn from the contents of the box(6)
40 Let one's hair down and removed all the curls from (6)
41 Said yes, you see (3)
42 Chattering on about how good the story is? (8)

DOWN

1 Do as you're told and become a priest (4,6)
2 Take it it's an animal (4)
3 Much worse though, resolved to give up (8)
4 Also, in no time, with more of the same (3,2,2)
5 Winning the consolation prize of a trip to the North Pole? (4,7)
6 How do we know an asp killed Cleopatra? (5,5)
7 Does he make his mark as an arranger? (6)
8 They hit one without any reason (8)
10 At the volley of fire, there's a sudden increase in speed (5)
16 Somehow I get wholly caught up in farming (7)
20 From the old church, a light has started to shine (5)
22 He's making himself at home in the dog pound (7)
23 How very quickly you ascertain they're both empty? (2,3,6)
25 Reflect on, when you re-incarcerate? (10)
26 With a stupid grin, drunk, is creating turmoil (10)
28 It provides a cold buffet (4,4)
31 Show the den I contrived to trap one animal in (8)
32 A quick yell gets ours running in (7)
34 A cad - a right beast! (6)
35 The ones the holes are in (5)
39 Part with the said wad of money (4)

ACROSS

9 Tolerance (8)
10 Term of respect (3)
11 Ground (6)
12 Sturdy (6)
13 Language (7)
14 Unit of length (4)
15 Fast food item (10)
17 Illuminate (8)
18 Hinged window cover (7)
19 Entreaty (4)
21 Small village (6)
24 Individual initiative (7,10)
27 Unmarried (6)
29 Type (4)
30 Outline (7)
33 Determined (8)
35 Gentleness (10)
36 Table (4)
37 Huge (7)
38 Disregard (6)
40 Of more than one (6)
41 Animal doctor (3)
42 Football official (8)

DOWN

1 War vessel (10)
2 Body part (4)
3 Anxious (8)
4 Retribution (7)
5 Pioneer (11)
6 Clergyman (10)
7 Pungent salad plant (6)
8 Building material (8)
10 Sweet substance (5)
16 Suitable (7)
20 Of the moon (5)
22 Dampen (7)
23 Viewpoint (11)
25 Sufficiently (10)
26 Relating to horses (10)
28 Uneatable (8)
31 Dutiful (8)
32 Hand joint (7)
34 Uproar (6)
35 Principle (5)
39 Bird's home (4)

SOLUTIONS TO CROSSWORD 12231

CRYPTIC

ACROSS: 1, P-L-ace 6, Spade 9, Hat-E-ful 10, Stoa-t 11, Meals 12, Parma 13, S-Eve-ral 15, Man 17,Trot 18, Grease 19, Stony 20, Franc-E 22, Site 24, Fal 25, A-mate-ur 26, Plane 27, Speed 28, Aorta 29,Telling 30, Adde-D 31, De-t-er.
DOWN: 2, Litter 3, Chalet 4, Eat 5, Legal 6, Sum-Mary 7, P-Lea 8, D-all-as 12, Paste 13, Stiff 14, Vocal 15, M-ari-e 16, Never 18, Gnome 19, S-cold-Ed 21, Rapped 22, St-OO-ge 23,Turtle 25, Ankle 26, Pete(-red) 28, A-N-d.

EASY

ACROSS: 1, Perch 6,Tramp 9, Rapture 10, Carat 11, Angle 12, Leapt 13, Helpful 15, Fen 17, Ales 18, Desire 19, Rigid 20, Envied 22, Mere 24, Doe 25, Decider 26, Occur 27, Meant 28, Aunts 29, Compact 30, Usher 31,Teddy.
DOWN: 2, Enamel 3, Cramps 4, Hat 5, Steel 6,Trapped 7, Rent 8, Miller 12, Lurid 13, Hated 14, Leave 15, Fired 16, Never 18, Diver 19, Reactor 21, Novels 22, Minute 23, Rested 25, Dumps 26, Once 28, Act.

◆SU-DO-KU-6683◆

		1	3		2	6	8	
7					1		3	
8				4		5		
						3		5
3			8		4			9
1		4						
		7		1				6
	5		2					3
	1	3	4		6	8		

easy

9	4	7	8	2	3	6	5	1
6	2	8	1	5	7	9	4	3
5	3	1	6	9	4	7	8	2
1	5	2	7	3	8	4	6	9
7	9	4	2	1	6	5	3	8
3	8	6	9	4	5	2	1	7
4	1	5	3	7	2	8	9	6
2	6	9	5	8	1	3	7	4
8	7	3	4	6	9	1	2	5

SOLUTION TO 6682

To solve the puzzle: To solve a su-do-ku puzzle, every digit from1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows, and in each of the nine boxes.

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A1 O1 R1 D2 W4 S1 T1 — RACK 1

D2 N1 O1 E1 R1 N1 W4 — 1st Letter Triple — RACK 2

G2 L1 D2 E1 E1 S1 L1 — Double Word Score — RACK 3

E1 U1 R1 S1 T1 T1 T1 — Double Word Score — RACK 4

PAR SCORE 105-115
by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in the Collins English Dictionary. JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

E1 X8 P3 L1 O1 R1 E1 — RACK 1 = 98
M3 O1 P3 O1 K5 E1 S1 — RACK 2 = 95
F4 A1 S1 T1 E1 N1 — RACK 3 = 9
T1 U1 M3 U1 L1 T1 — RACK 4 = 9

PAR SCORE 135-145 — JUDD'S TOTAL 211

HITORI-3137

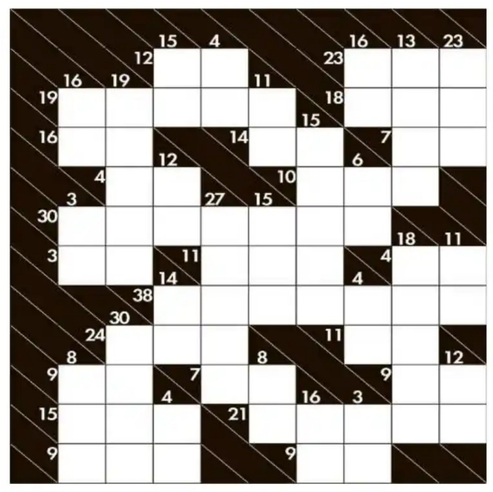
7	4	7	8	2	1	6	8
6	1	6	4	7	3	5	8
6	3	4	6	7	7	1	7
4	8	1	3	8	6	4	5
6	5	8	2	4	7	3	7
8	7	3	7	6	7	6	4
3	2	5	7	7	4	8	1
6	6	6	5	3	7	4	6

SOLUTION TO 3136

2	■	7	■	8	3	5	■
7	2	4	8	■	6	■	5
3	■	1	7	6	4	2	8
■	1	2	■	5	■	6	7
5	■	8	1	2	7	■	3
1	7	5	■	4	■	3	6
4	■	3	5	7	8	■	2
6	5	■	2	■	1	8	■

To solve the puzzle: Eliminate numbers by filling in squares so that remaining cells in that row or column do not repeat that number more than once. Filled-in cells cannot be horizontally or vertically adjacent. The un-filled cells must form a single component connected horizontally and vertically.

KAKURO- 3137



SOLUTION TO 3136

To solve the puzzle: Put a number from 1 through 9 in a cell. No zeros. A number in a cell separated by diagonal line tells the sum of numbers in consecutive cells at its right or downward. No number may appear more than once in consecutive cells.

SU DO KU X - 3655

■			7	3				■
6	1						■	
		■		4	6	3		1
		4	■		■			
9		2		■			5	
	3	7	■	9	8			
		■	2		7	6		
	■						3	
8								■

SOLUTION TO 3654

3	5	1	8	2	9	7	6	4
7	8	6	1	4	3	5	9	2
2	9	4	5	6	7	8	3	1
4	6	3	2	8	5	9	1	7
1	2	5	9	7	4	6	8	3
8	7	9	3	1	6	2	4	5
5	3	2	4	9	8	1	7	6
9	1	7	6	3	2	4	5	8
6	4	8	7	5	1	3	2	9

To solve the puzzle: The objective is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column, each 3x3 box and each shaded diagonal line contains the same number only once.

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE MARKET COMMITTEE BYADGI

Sl.No / DAM / APMC / B / AAP / 392 / 2025-26 Date : 16-08-2025.

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tender Applications are invited from eligible contractors registered with the Public Works Department on the KPPP portal for the Construction of 2nd floor of the Raitha Bhavan building and construction of compound wall around the said building and other related works in the main market yard of agricultural produce market committe byadgi under the Annual Action Plan for the year 2024-25. Item Wise Tender Rates invited in two cover system as per Standard Tendering Document KW-4 **(INDENT NO: APMC/ 2025-26 / BD / WORK_INDENT620)**. The Tender amount is **Rs. 1,68,24,661-00,** E.M.D. Amount is **Rs. 2,52,370-00,** Tender period 165 days (excluding rainy season), Date of pre-bid meeting & tender dispute settlement: **12-09-2025, at 11.00 AM,** Last date for submission of tender : 20-09-2025 up to 05.00 PM, Date of opening of technical bid : 22-09-2025 at 11.00 AM and if possible Financial bid will be opened on date : **25-09-2025 at 11.00 AM** Tender terms and conditions can be obtained from the office or on the https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in website except holidays for the above said works 18% GST will be paid separately The committee reserves the right to accept or reject the tender.

Sd/- Secretary APMC Byadgi | Sd/- Administrator APMC Byadgi

dipr/hvr/dipo/331/25-26

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

CORRIGENDUM TO TENDER NOTIFICATION

The following corrigendums are made, regarding this office tender Notification Letter No.033/PB/Tender/5054/2025-1286/Dated: 21-07-2025.
Regarding Sl.No. 09 Work (Work Indent No. 22129)

Sl. No.	As Published	To be Read as
1	EMD Amount was Rs.1,00,000.00	The Total EMD Amount of Rs. 2,44,000.00 shall be made throught e-payment or in two parts Part-I Rs.1,00,000.00 by e-payment, Part-II Rs. 1,44,000.00 shall be in the form of Bank Guarantee/FDR in the prescribed from any nationalized/scheduled Bank in favor of Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Haveri & submit through KPPP portal.

Regarding Sl.No. 09 work (Work Indent No.22129) has been rescheduled as follows.

1	Last Date and Time for receipt of tenders	04-09-2025, 4.00 PM
2	Date and Time of Opening of Technical Bid	06-09-2025, 4.30 PM
3	Date and Time of opening of Financial Bid	08-09-2025, 11.00 AM

Regarding work Indent No.22449 in tender notification No.01 of this office, it was earlier mentioned as work Indent No.23049, This has been corrected to 22446.

There are no other change.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Haveri

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SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through e-Procurement Portal only)

No.EE:KNNL/No.4/BDVT/TA/ PB-1/Man power supply/ Tender Notification No.08/2025-26 **Dated : 18.08.2025**

Percentage Tenders by e-procurement portal in the prescribed form is invited by the undersigned on behalf of Managing Director, KNNL, Bangalore from the eligible Contractors. Tender for the works of Head of Account **2701 Bhadra, Gondi & Jambadahalla works.** The No. of **work is 06. The approximate cost of amount put to tender is Rs.1.07 lakhs to Rs.140.80 Lakhs. The amount of EMD is Rs.2,700/- to Rs.2,11,200/- (by kpp-portal)** contactors can access and submission of completed e-tendering documents **from 21.08.2025 to 02.09.2025 upto 17.30 hours** in the website **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. Pre Bid meeting will be held on 26.08.2025 @ 11.00 Hrs at O/o Executive Engineer, No.4 BRLBC Division, Bhadravathi (For Sl No.06). Financial Bid will be opened on 03.09.2025 at 17.31 hours (For 01 to 04) Technical Bid will be opened on 03.09.2025 at 17.31 hours (For Sl No.05 & 06.** After obtaining approval of technical bid from competent authority, the financial bid will be opened. For more conditions and details visit website http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. OR at undersigned in all working days during office hours on telephone No.08282-271063 / 8660573513.

DIPR/SMG/No.97-08 zenkar/2025-26

Sd/- Executive Engineer, KNNL,No.4 BRLBC Division, Bhadravathi.

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Executive Engineer, Project(East), Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Building, 21st Floor (PUB), M.G. Road, Bangalore - 560 001.

No.EE/P.E./Tend/01/2025-26 Date:22.08.2025

INVITATION FOR TENDER(IFT)

(Through GOK KPP Portal only) (Two Cover System)

The Executive Engineer, Project (East) Division invites item rate tenders from eligible contractors for the works detailed in the table below.

Repair and Maintenance Different Buildings / Structures and Water Harvesting in East Zone, Shanthinagara, C.V. Raman Nagara, Sarvajnanagara, Pulikeshinagara and Shivajinagara Assembly Constituencies.

Sl. No.	Name of the Works	Approx. value of work (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (in Rs.)	No. of Works
	Reserved for Others Category			
1	Repair and Maintenance Different Buildings / Structures and Water Harvesting.	5.00 to 75.00	12,500 to 1,50,00/-	39
	Reserved for SC Category			
2	Repair and Maintenance Different Buildings / Structures and Water Harvesting.	10.00 to 40.00	12,500 to 40,000/-	11
	Reserved for ST Category			
3	Repair and Maintenance Different Buildings / Structures and Water Harvesting.	8.00 to 28.00	10,000 to 28,000/-	05
	Reserved for CAT-I			
4	Repair and Maintenance Different Buildings / Structures and Water Harvesting.	15.00 each	18,750/- each	03
	Reserved for CAT-II(A)			
5	Repair and Maintenance Different Buildings / Structures and Water Harvesting.	10.00 to 70.00	12,500 to 70,000/-	11
			Total Works	**69**

1) Tender documents may be downloaded from GOK KPP portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from 24.08.2025 onwards. 2)** Last date for uploading the tender documents: **03.09.2025 upto 4.00 p.m. 3)** Date of opening of Technical bids: **04.09.2025 after 4.30 p.m.** Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours & also from website: **https://kppp. karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Project(East).

ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಪಂಚಾಯತ್,ಬಳ್ಳಾರಿ

Ref.No:ZPB/PD/NRLM/HR/14/2025-26 Date:22.08.2025

E-Tender Notification

To select a Human Resource Institute under the District & Taluk Mission Management Units under the organization, a two-envelope system will be used through the e-procurement portal. E-tender is invited through Tender Reference No: RDPR/2025-26/SE2910 Date: 22.08.2025 through http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. Interested bidders are requested to submit their tenders on the above portal by date: 06.09.2025, time: 05.00PM. The estimated amount of the tender is Rs.1,32,12,000/-. Further information can be obtained in the tender form.

Sd/-Project Director
Zilla Panchayath Ballari

DIPR/Ballari/398/KSMCA/2025-26

VISVESVARAYA JALA NIGAMA LIMITED

(A Govt of Karnataka Enterprise)

Office of the Executive Engineer, VJNL,

UBP Division No. 3, Ajjampura

Tel/FaxNo-08261-200114 e-mail- eeubp3.1@gmail.com

NO: EE/VJNL/UBP/D-03/Ajjampura/PB-1/Tender notification/2025-26/ 491 Dated: 21.08.2025

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (Call-2)

(Through KPPP Portal)

Percentage tender through KPPP-portal for the AME work under single cover system is invited by the Executive Engineer, VJNL, UBP, Division No. 03 Ajjampura on behalf of the Managing Director, Visvesvaraya Jala Nigam Ltd, from the registered contractors with valid KPTCL Class-1 contractors & KPWD contractors who fulfills the pre-qualification conditions for VJNL/2025-26/EL/ WORK_INDENT284/Call-2) The Contractors can download and submit the completed bid documents through KPPP website http://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in from 22.08.2025 to 30.08.2025 upto 17.30 hours. Details such as Amount put to tender/ EMD amount/ qualification of Bidders/ Tender conditions/Tender processing fee etc can be obtained through KPPP Portal or from the office of the under signed during the office hours 30.08.2025 (17.30 hours). The Bid will be opened on 01.09.2025 at 11.30 hours at the office of the Executive Engineer, VJNL, UBP, Division No. 03 Ajjampura through KPPP Portal.

Sd/- Executive Engineer VJNL, UBP, Division No.03, Ajjampura

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ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜನೀಯರರು, ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ವಿಭಾಗ ಕಾರವಾರ

ಸಂ: ಕಾ.ನಿ.ಇಂ./ಲೋ.ಇ.ವಿ,ಕಾ/ಪಿ.ಬಿ–1/ಮ.ಪ ಟೆಂಡರ.ಪ್ರ–05/2025–26/1715 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 21.08.2025

ಮರು ಟೆಂಡರ್ (Call-2) ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್ ಪದ್ದತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರ)

ಉಲ್ಲೇಖ: (1) ಈ ಕಚೇರಿ ಪತ್ರ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಸಂ: ಕಾ.ನಿ.ಇಂ./ಲೋ.ಇ.ವಿ,ಕಾ/ಪಿ.ಬಿ–1/ಮ.ಪ ಟೆಂಡರ.ಪ್ರ–05/2025–26/530 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 28.05.2025 (2) ಅಧೀಕ್ಷಕ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರರವರ ಪತ್ರ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 2248 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 05.08.2025

ಉಲ್ಲೇಖದ ಈ ಕಚೇರಿಯ ಪತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿದ್ದ 2024–25ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ **4059 – JUDICIAL BUILDING During 2024-25.** ಯೋಜನೆ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿದ್ದ **Construction of Court (4 Court Hall) Building at Bhatkal, Batkal Taluk, Uttara Kannada Dist. PWD/2024-25/BD/WORK_INDENT 11948/Call-2** ರೂ. 931.51 ಲಕ್ಷದ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಮರು ಟೆಂಡರನ **(Call-2)** ದಿನಾಂಕದ ವಿವರ ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನಂತಿದೆ.

(1) ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದ ವಿಚಾರಣೆಗೆ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿ: 11–09–2025 16.30 ಗಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ (2) ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿ: 12–09–2025 16.30 ಗಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ (3) ಟೆಂಡರನ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿ: 15–09–2025 17.00 ಗಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ (4) ಟೆಂಡರನ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿ: 17–09–2025 17.00 ಗಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ

ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜನೀಯರರು ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ ವಿಭಾಗ ಕಾರವಾರ ಇವರ ಕಛೇರಿಗೆ ಕೆಲಸದ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು, ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ವಿಭಾಗ, ಕಾರವಾರ

DIPR/ADK/KSMCA/412/25-26 dt.22.08.2025

INSTITUTE OF NEPHRO-UROLOGY

(Government of Karnataka-Autonomous Institute - Regd. No. 1052/03-04)

(A Post Graduate Institute of Higher Medical Sciences, Affiliated to Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, Bengaluru. Recognised by Medical Council of India) Victoria Hospital Campus, Bengaluru-02. Ph: 26700527, Fax: 26706777

Website: www.nephrourology.karnataka.gov.in e-Mail: nephrourology.institute@gmail.com

No: INU/TND/ ME/08/2025-26 Date: 22.08.2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Institute of Nephro-Urology, Victoria Hospital Campus, Bengaluru –02 invites tenders from the eligible tenderers through the Electronic Tenders for the following subjects.

1) Procurement of Medical Equipments For Annex Building I.N.U., Bengaluru.
Last Date For Online Submission of Tender is 20.09.2025 @ 5.30 P.M

1) Electrical Maintenance Services.
Last Date For Online Submission of Tender is 06.09.2025 @ 5.30 P.M

For any further details please logon to: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Note : For any further information and announcements regarding this tender please keep on watching our website i.e., **https://nephrourology.karnataka.gov.in/**

Sd/- DIRECTOR, INU, Bengaluru.

INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CHANGE

Dr. V.K.R.V. Rao Road, Nagarabhavi P.O. Bengaluru-560 072. www.isec.ac.in

Corrigendum to Advertisement dated 6th August 2025

The Advertisement for the post of Research Investigator on contractual basis at Population Research Centre (PRC), ISEC stands cancelled as per instruction of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. The advertisement for the post of Field Investigator, Data Assistant and Research Fellow-1 on contractual basis remains the same.

Revised Detailed Advertisement can be accessed on our website www.isec.ac.in.

Date: August 22, 2025 Sd/- Registrar

ISEC-25615

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿಯವರ ಕಛೇರಿ

ಕಾರ್ಯಯೋಜನೆ, ಅರಣ್ಯ ಭವನ, ಅಶೋಕಪುರಂ, ಮೈಸೂರು–570008. ಕಛೇರಿ ದೂರವಾಣಿ: 0821–2483917

ಇ–ಮೇಲ್: cfwpmys@gmail.com

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಎ2/ಬಿಯುಡಿ/ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್/ಎಆರ್–9/2025–26 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 21.08.2025

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಮರು ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ–02/2025–26

ಸಹಾಯಕ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು, ಕಾರ್ಯಯೋಜನೆ, ಮೈಸೂರುರವರು 2025–26ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಾಯಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ವಿವಿಧ ಲೆಕ್ಕಶೀರ್ಷಿಕೆಯಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮೋಜಣಿ ಮತ್ತು ಹದ್ದುಬಸ್ತು ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಾಗಿ ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿತ್ತು. ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಿ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ಡಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಅನರ್ಹಗೊಂಡು ತಿರಸ್ಕೃತಗೊಂಡಿರುವುದರಿಂದ ಹಾಗೂ ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಜಾತಿ ಮತ್ತು ಪ್ರವರ್ಗ–2ಎಗೆ ಮೀಸಲಿರಿಸಿದ್ದ ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳಿಗೆ ಆ ವರ್ಗದ ಯಾರೊಬ್ಬ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಭಾಗವಹಿಸದೇ ಇರುವುದರಿಂದ ಅರ್ಹ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಬಹುದು. ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಲು ಇಚ್ಚಿಸುವ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ದಾರರು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಫಾರಂಗಳನ್ನು ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಡೌನ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬಹುದು ಹಾಗೂ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 01.09.2025ರ ಅಪರಾಹ್ನ 4.00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ** ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದು. ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ಅನ್ನು **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 02.09.2025 ರಂದು ಅಪರಾಹ್ನ 4.10 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ** ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು ಹಾಗೂ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ಅನ್ನು **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 04.09.2025 ರಂದು ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ** ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು. ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ ಹಣವನ್ನು ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ನಿಯಮಾನುಸಾರ ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿಯೇ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾವತಿಸಬೇಕಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಇನ್ನುಳಿದ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಡೌನ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬಹುದು. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ ಈ ಕಛೇರಿಯಿಂದ, ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು. ಮೇಲಿನ ದಿನಾಂಕಗಳಂದು ಸಾರ್ವತ್ರಿಕ ರಜೆಯಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ/ಸಾರ್ವತ್ರಿಕ ರಜೆಯೆಂದು ಘೋಷಣೆಯಾದಲ್ಲಿ ಮುಂದಿನ ದಿನಾಂಕಗಳನ್ನು ಪರಿಗಣಿಸುವುದು.

ಸಹಿ/– ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸುವ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ
ಸಹಾಯಕ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿ
ಕಾರ್ಯಯೋಜನೆ, ಮೈಸೂರು.

ಪಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ಮೈಸೂರು/847/ತಿರಡಿ ಸಾಯ/2025–26

THE REAL ESTATE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

No. 1-1/15, Ground Floor, Silver Jubli Block, Unity Building, C.S.I. Compound,3rd Cross, Mission Road, Bangalore-560027. Ph: 080-22249798/22249799

NOTIFICATION NO: RERA/ADMI/US(SMI)/185/2024 Date: 22.08.2025

NOTIFICATION

Applications are invited eligible candidates, for the post of Legal Advisor in the Karnataka Real Estate Regulatory Authority, Bengaluru to be filled temporarily on contract basis. The Last date for receipt of applications in the prescribed format, along with supporting documents is **08.09.2025.** Applicable terms and conditions shall be the same as stipulated in our earlier notification **Dated: 22.08.2025.** The said detailed notification is available on the Karnataka Real Estate Regulatory Authority **Website : www.rera@karnataka.gov.in**

The detailed notification is available on the Karnataka Real Estate Regulatory Authority **Website : www.rera@karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Secretary
Karnataka Real Estate Regulatory Authority

DIPR/CP/2454/SHIRDI SAI/2025-26

Govt. of Karnataka
Department of Agricultural Marketing Agricultural Produce Market Committee

Mahatma Gandhi Complex, Market Yard, Yeshwanthpur, Bangalore – 22

Phone: 23472850 / 23371695 Email: apmcbangalore22@gmail.com

No: APMC/BEN/shop/1943/2025-26 Date: 22-08-2025.

NOTIFICATION

For the attention of all license-holding traders who have been allotted shops-cum-godowns in Blocks A and B of the Dasanapura Sub Market Yard for carrying out trade transactions.

Subject: Action to be taken in accordance with the judgment of the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka in WP No:3011/2025 C/w WP Nos:173/2025, 540/2025, 692/2025, and 1536/2025.

Reference:
1. Notification of the Hon'ble Director of Agricultural Marketing, No: APMC/Reg/MISC/Notification/16/2023, dated: 24-02-2023.
2. Judgment of the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka in WP No:5452/2023 C/w 5455/2023 dated: 23- 11-2024.
3. Judgment of the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka in WP No:3011/2025 C/w 173/2025, 540/2025, 692/2025 and 1536/2025 dated:18- 07-2025.

It is hereby brought to the notice of the commission agents/traders, who have been allotted shops-cum-godowns in Blocks A and B of the Dasanapura Sub Market Yard of the Bangalore Agricultural Produce Market Committee, for conducting trade in the notified agricultural commodities of onion and potato, on the basis of seniority and on a Leave and Licence fee arrangement, that in respect of the writ petitions filed before the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka — namely, WP No.3011/2025 by Atithi Trading Company & others, WP No.173/2025 by Purushotham Traders & others, WP No.540/2025 by Atithi Trading Company & others, WP No.692/2025 by K.R. Krishna & Co. & others, and WP No.1536/2025 by SMP Traders & others a judgment has been delivered on 18-07-2025.

The operative portion of the said order is as follows:

[I] cause notice to the petitioners individually indicating that they will have the choice of choosing a temporary premises in the Closed Auction Platform or shop premises, and that if they choose the temporary premises in the closed auction platform, they shall pay rent of Rs.5,000/- per month and that if they choose the shop premises, they will have to pay the rent as fixed by the Assistant Executive Engineer, APMC, Yeshwanthpur.

[ii] The arrangement as aforesaid shall be entirely temporary and subject to the allotment of the shops and other premises under the Karnataka Agricultural Produce Marketing [Regulation of Allotment of Property in Market Yards] Rules, 2004.

[iii] The Secretary, APMC, Yeshwanthpur, shall send notices as aforesaid within two [2] weeks from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order, and the Secretary shall also cause due publication of notice in English and Kannada Dailies - Bengaluru Edition.

[iv] If the petitioners exercise this option within fifteen [15] days from the date of the notices sent individually and in any event within fifteen [15] days from the date of the publication of the notice, the Secretary, APMC, Yeshwanthpur shall ensure that the letters are issued in this regard subject to the petitioners complying with all the other conditions except payment of Leave and License fee and outstanding User fee.

[v] In the event the petitioners do not exercise this option, In the event the petitioners do not exercise this option, the Secretary, APMC, Yeshwanthpur shall be at liberty to initiate proceedings to take possession of the corresponding shops/premises."

(1) For the traders who have been allotted general shops-cum-godowns in Blocks A and B of the Dasanapura Sub Market Yard for carrying out trade in onion and potato based on seniority:

Since the Hon'ble Court's orders cited in the reference have to be implemented, you are hereby informed that within 15 days from the date of issue of this notice, you must submit in writing to the Committee your option (choice) whether you require a shop or a closed auction shed temporarily, so that trade transactions can continue smoothly. As directed by the Hon'ble Court, such temporary allotment will be made from the shops or closed auction sheds currently available in the yard, based on the trader's choice, and within the specified time. If you fail to exercise your option, action will be taken in accordance with the rules, and the shop will be taken back into the Committee's possession. The details of the available shops-cum-godowns/closed auction sheds in Dasanapura Sub Market Yard, along with their monthly leave and licence fee, have been published on the office notice boards. For further details, traders are advised to contact the office during working hours.

(2) For the traders who have been allotted corner shops-cum-godowns in Blocks A and B of the Dasanapura Sub Market Yard for onion and potato trade through tender-cum-public auction:

The traders who have obtained corner shops-cum-godowns in Blocks A and B of the Dasanapura Sub Market Yard for trading in the notified commodities of onion and potato, through the tender-cum-public auction method and on a leave and licence fee basis, are hereby permitted to continue in the said shops temporarily until further shop allotment process is completed on the condition that they pay the present leave and licence fee that they are currently paying.

(3) For the traders who have been allotted general/corner shops-cum-godowns in Blocks A and B of the Dasanapura Sub Market Yard for trading in rice, pulses, and other foodgrains through seniority or tender-cum-public auction:

As per the Notification (Reference 1), rice, pulses, and other foodgrains have been excluded from the notified commodities in Dasanapura Sub Market Yard. Since the Hon'ble High Court's judgments mentioned in the references are to be implemented, all the 44 traders who have been allotted shops for trade in rice, pulses, and other foodgrains (whether by seniority or by tender-cum-public auction, and on leave and licence basis) are hereby informed that they must hand over possession of their shops to the Committee within 15 days from the date of issue of this notice. Those traders who clear the outstanding leave and licence fee due to the Committee, and who are otherwise eligible under the rules, will be considered for re-allotment of shops. Such re-allotment will be done from among the shops vacated by commission agents/traders of onion, potato, garlic, and ginger, who are currently operating in the Yeshwanthpur Main Market Yard but are to be shifted to Dasanapura, as well as from any vacant shops available in the yard.

Sd/- Secretary
Agricultural Produce Market Committee
Yeshwanthpur, Bangalore

DIPR/CP/2453/SSC/2025-26

PUBLIC NOTICE

No.EDN.46/2025/31 **Dated Shillong, 20th August, 2025**

In continuation of the Public Notice dated 26th March, 2025, regarding matters concerning CMJ University. Meghalaya, this notice provides an important update.

Whereas, the Government of Meghalaya, through the Education Department has issued an Order dated. Shillong, the **31st March, 2014,** for the dissolution of the **CMJ University,** by invoking the powers specified under Section 48 of the CMJ University Act.

Whereas, the Supreme Court, through its judgment dated **13th February, 2025,** has passed a ruling in favor of the State Government of Meghalaya and has upheld its order for the winding up of CMJ University.

Whereas, by a notification dated 20th February 2025, the Government of Meghalaya, through the Education Department (Orders by the Governor), has appointed Shri D. Lyngdoh, Joint Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya, Education Department, as the Administrator of CMJ University, Meghalaya, and

Whereas, the Administrator has issued a public notice, dated 26/03/2025, for the winding up of CMJ University, thereby commencing the formal process of its dissolution and inviting claims and objections from all concerned stakeholders.

Following the first Public Notice dated 26th March, 2025**,** a total of 987 queries concerning CMJ University were received, which have been duly responded to and forwarded to the university's Registrar in compliance with the Order Dated April 24, 2025. These queries fell under the categories of Academic Document Requests (including degree verification, certificate procurement, and document submission), PhD-Related Queries (such as thesis evaluation and requests for degree certificates), and Grievances & General Inquiries (covering claims on degree validity and student status inquiries).

Now the administrator of CMJ University informs the public that the last date for receiving queries, grievances, and claims related to **CMJ University is 5th September, 2025.** This decision was made during a meeting held on **28th July, 2025,** in the presence of concerned individuals from the Government and the members of CMJ University Administration, to ensure all outstanding matters can be settled before the final dissolution of the university.

Key information for the public to note:

- All academic activities at CMJ University have been stopped since 15th February, 2025.
- In compliance with the Supreme Court's order 2014, no verification, authentication, or validation of degrees will be carried out. Any degrees issued in/after 2014 shall stand invalid, as the University could not have had any students continuing in view of the stay order of Supreme Court.
- The legal status of the university, which is currently dissolved, will be displayed on the university campus and its website for public information. The university premises will be sealed by the Administrator, with only administrative rooms allowed to function temporarily for the purpose of winding up of the University.

All individuals with pending queries or grievances are urged to submit them to the Administrator, CMJ University before the specified closing date to ensure their claims are addressed

Submission details: queries should be submitted to the following address:

a) Shri. D. Lyngdoh. Administrator of CMJ University, Joint Secretary to the Govt. Meghalaya, Education Department.

b) cmju.ad.authority@gmail.com (Room No, 222 Education Department, Additional Secretariat Building, Shillong)

c) (Contact No: 0364-22 12268)

Disclaimer:

This public notice is issued in continuation of the public notice dated 26/03/2025 regarding matters concerning CMJ University, Meghalaya.

Sd/- (Shri D. Lyngdoh)
(Administrator of CMJ University, Meghalaya)
(Contact No. 0364-221 226)

MIPR No. 1427
Dt. 21.08.2025

Raichur Institute of Medical Sciences, Raichur

(Govt. Autonomous Institution)

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No.RIMS/SUP/TEND/2025-26 Dated: 21.08.2025

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders are invited from eligible bidders for supply of Various Drugs, X-Ray Films & Other Items to RIMS Teaching Hospital Raichurunder two cover bid system through KPPP Portal of Government of Karnataka.

Sl. No	Particulars	Tender No	Estimated Cost (In Lakhs)
1	Supply of Various Injections to RIMS Teaching Hospital, Raichur	RIMS/SUP/TEND/INJ/ 143/2025-26 (DME/2025-26/IND1657)	71.09
2	Supply of Various Antibiotics & Others to RIMS Teaching Hospital, Raichur	RIMS/SUP/TEND/ANTI/ 144/2025-26 (DME/2025-26/IND1658)	81.56
3	Supply of Various Anti Serum & Immunoglobulins to RIMS Teaching Hospital, Raichur	RIMS/SUP/TEND/SERUM/ 145/2025-26(DME/2025-26/IND1659)	97.58
4	Supply of Various X-Ray Films & Other Items to RIMS Teaching Hospital, Raichur	RIMS/SUP/TEND/X-RAY/ 146/ 2025-26 (DME/2025-26/IND1660)	66.91
5	Supply of Various Tablets to RIMS Teaching Hospital, Raichur	RIMS/SUP/TEND/TAB/147/ 2025-26 (DME/2025-26/ IND1656)	80.34

1) Tender document may be downloaded from KPPP Portal of the Govt. of Karnataka from 22.08.2025, 2) Last Date for Queries on or before 29.08.2025 @ 05.00 PM, 3) Tender must be submitted online through KPPP Portal on or before 06.09.2024 upto 5.00 PM & 4)Technical bid will be opened on 08.09.2025 at 11.30 A.M.

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Further information may be obtained from above office and from www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- Director
Raichur Institute of Medical Sciences, Raichur

DIP/RCR/190/KSMC&A/191/2025-26

Famine confirmed in Gaza, says UN

It's an outright lie, says Netanyahu

JERUSALEM, AFP

Palestinian women and children hold out their empty pots in front of a charity kitchen in Khan Yunis in the southern Gaza Strip on Thursday. AFP

The United Nations officially declared a famine in Gaza on Friday, blaming "systematic obstruction" of aid by Israel during more than 22 months of war, with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu swiftly dismissing the findings.

Palestinian militant group Hamas urged the United Nations to "stop the war and lift the siege", calling for unrestricted access for food, medicine, water and fuel.

Netanyahu, whose defence minister meanwhile threatened an even more intense offensive, rejected the UN-backed report as "an outright lie".

The Rome-based Integrated Food Security Phase Classification Initiative (IPC) said famine was affecting 500,000 people in the Gaza governorate, which covers about a fifth of the Palestinian territory including Gaza City. Israel has pressed ahead with plans to seize Gaza City despite an international outcry, saying that taking the territory's largest city is key to defeating Hamas. The IPC projected that the famine would expand to Deir el-Balah and Khan Yunis governorates by the end of September, covering around two-thirds of Gaza. With the vast majority of the territory's population displaced at least once, the UN said nearly a million people currently live in the northern Gaza governorate.

UN agencies and aid groups had warned for months of a looming famine in Gaza, where Israel has severely restricted aid and at times completely cut it off during its nearly two-year war with Hamas.

COGAT, an Israeli defence ministry body which oversees civil affairs in the Palestinian territories – including coordinating aid to Gaza – argued that the IPC's findings rely on "partial data and unreliable sources".

UN aid chief Tom Fletcher said the famine was entirely preventable, saying food could not get through to Palestinians in need "because of systematic obstruction by Israel". UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres called for a ceasefire, saying: "We cannot allow this situation to continue with impunity."

UN human rights chief Volker Turk said it was "a war crime to use starvation as a method of warfare" – a charge for which the International Criminal Court in November issued an arrest warrant for Netanyahu.

In a statement, Netanyahu said "Israel does not have a policy of starvation", citing figures on aid it had allowed into Gaza.

'Israel will destroy Gaza City if Hamas rejects peace terms'

GAZA CITY, AP/PTI: Israel's defence minister warned on Friday that Gaza's largest city would be destroyed unless Hamas accepted Israel's terms, as the world's leading authority on food crises said the city was gripped by famine caused by fighting and blockade.

A day after Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said he would authorise the military to mount a major operation to seize Gaza City, Defence Minister Israel Katz warned that the enclave's largest city could be reduced to rubble like Rafah and Beit Hanoun, areas devastated earlier in the war.

"The gates of hell will soon open on the heads of Hamas' murderers and rapists in Gaza — until they agree to Israel's conditions for ending the war," Katz wrote in a post on X. He restated Israel's ceasefire demands: the release of all hostages and Hamas's complete disarmament. Hamas has said it would release captives in exchange for ending the war but rejects disarmament without the creation of a Palestinian state.

Netanyahu on Thursday said he had instructed officials "to begin immediate negotiations" to release hostages and end the war on acceptable terms—Israel's first public response to the latest ceasefire proposal.

With ground troops already active in strategic areas, the wide-scale operation in Gaza City could begin within days.

Gaza City is Hamas's military and governing stronghold, built above what Israel believes is an extensive tunnel network. It also shelters hundreds of thousands of civilians and still houses some of the strip's critical infrastructure and health facilities.

Earlier this week, Hamas said it had agreed to a ceasefire proposal from Arab mediators, which — if accepted by Israel — could forestall the offensive.

Netanyahu has argued that the offensive is the surest way to free captives and crush Hamas.

WORLD AT A GLANCE

Philippine Defence Minister Gilberto Teodoro (right) and Australian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence Richard Marles (left) after signing an enhanced defence deal in Manila on Friday. AFP

US to stop worker visas for commercial truck drivers

▸ Secretary of State Marco Rubio said the US will stop issuing worker visas for commercial truck drivers, AP/PTI reports from Washington.

Announcing the move on Thursday in a post on X, Rubio said the change was effective immediately. "The increasing number of foreign drivers operating large tractor-trailer trucks on US roads is endangering American lives and undercutting the livelihoods of American truckers," Rubio posted. The department did not immediately respond to a question about the number of foreign truck drivers working in the US. The Trump administration in past months has taken steps to enforce the requirement that truckers speak and read English proficiently. The Transportation Department said the aim is to improve road safety following incidents in which drivers' inability to read signs or speak English may have contributed to traffic deaths. The announcement comes amid the indictment of an Indian-origin truck driver accused of causing an accident that claimed three lives.

FBI raids John Bolton's home

▸ FBI agents raided the home of one of US President Donald Trump's most outspoken critics, his former national security adviser John Bolton, AFP reports from Bethesda.

Trump, asked about the early morning FBI search of Bolton's home, said he was "not a fan" of his former aide but did not know about the raid ahead of time. "I saw it on television," he told reporters. "He's sort of a lowlife." The director of the FBI, Kash Patel, posted on X: "No one is above the law... @FBI agents on mission." The search was ordered to determine whether Bolton had illegally shared or possessed classified information. Bolton was not at home and has not been charged with a crime.

Officials inspect the wreckage of a car at the site of a bomb explosion in Cali, Colombia, on Thursday. AFP

17 killed in Colombia attacks

▸ A car bomb and a separate attack on a police helicopter in Colombia killed at least 17 people on Thursday, AP/PTI reports from Bogota (Colombia).

President Gustavo Petro attributed both attacks to dissidents of the defunct Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, commonly known as FARC. At least 12 police officers died in the attack on a helicopter that according to authorities was transporting personnel to an area in Antioquia in northern Colombia, to eradicate coca leaf crops, the raw material for cocaine. Petro had reported initially eight officers killed, but Antioquia Governor Andrés Julián said four others died later and three remain injured. The Antioquia governor had said on X that a drone attacked the helicopter as it flew over coca leaf crops.

Thaksin acquitted in royal case

▸ Thailand's former Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra was acquitted of a royal defamation charge by a court on Friday, in a case that could have sent him to prison for up to 15 years, AP/PTI reports from Bangkok.

The 76-year-old Thaksin, smiling as he walked away from the courtroom, was the first to reveal the verdict, responding to journalists' questions with the single word: "Dismissal." His lawyer also confirmed the verdict, as did the Bangkok Criminal Court later in a news release. The law on defaming the monarchy, an offence known as lese majeste, is punishable by three to 15 years in prison.

Wickremesinghe held for 'misusing' fund

COLOMBO, PTI

Sri Lanka's former president Ranil Wickremesinghe in Colombo on Friday. AFP

Sri Lanka's former president Ranil Wickremesinghe was arrested on Friday for allegedly misusing the state funds during his tenure as head of state, police said.

Wickremesinghe, 76, was arrested at the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) headquarters, where he was summoned to record a statement in connection with an investigation into the alleged misuse of government funds, police said.

Later, the veteran opposition leader was produced before a magistrates' court in Colombo. Wickremesinghe, who served as president from 2022 to 2024, has been accused of using state funds to travel to England to attend a convocation ceremony of his wife, Prof Maithree, in September 2023.

It has been alleged that Wickremesinghe was returning from the US after an official engagement and visited the UK at the state's expense to attend the private engagement of his wife. The CID had previously questioned his staff about the travel expenses.

Wickremesinghe, who had replaced Gotabaya Rajapaksa as President to serve the balance term until the end of 2024, was credited with steering Sri Lanka out of the economic crisis of 2022.

Modi, Putin among 20 leaders to attend SCO meet: China

BEIJING, PTI: China on Friday said the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit to be held in Tianjin later this month will be the largest in the bloc's history, with 20 world leaders, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, attending it.

The Tianjin meeting of the 10-member grouping from August 31-September 1 is the fifth summit being hosted by China. It will be the largest in SCO history, China's Assistant Foreign Minister Liu Bin said.

Besides Chinese President Xi Jinping and his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin, the summit will be attended by Modi and a host of world leaders, Liu said. Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan is also expected to attend the meet.

Lord Swraj Paul, NRI industrialist and philanthropist, dies at 94

Modi lauds his contributions to fostering closer UK-India ties

LONDON/NEW DELHI, PTI

Lord Swraj Paul. PTI FILE

Leading NRI industrialist Lord Swraj Paul passed away in London on Thursday evening, leaving behind a legacy in entrepreneurship and philanthropy. He was 94.

Lord Paul, founder of the UK-based Caparo Group of industries, had recently been taken ill and hospitalised, where he passed away surrounded by members of his family.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed anguish at his death, saying Paul's support for the UK's close ties with India would always be remembered. "Deeply saddened by the passing of Shri Swraj Paul Ji. His contributions to industry, philanthropy and public service in the UK, and his unwavering support for closer ties with India will always be remembered," Modi said.

Born to Pyare Lal, who ran a small foundry making steel goods, including buckets and farming equipment, Lord Paul was introduced to business early in life before going on to establish the UK-based Caparo Group, a diversified business entity with interests predominantly in the design, manufacture, marketing and distribution of value-added steel and niche engineering products.

Born on February 18, 1931, he completed his schooling in Jalandhar and earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Punjab University in 1949. He then went to the US to pursue his bachelor's and master's degrees in mechanical engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

After completing his studies at MIT, he returned to India to join the family business, Apeejay Surrendra Group. However, fate intervened when he relocated to the UK in 1966 to seek treatment for his daughter Ambika, who was suffering from leukaemia. Sadly, she passed away. He later set up the Ambika Paul Foundation that donated millions to promote the well-being of children and young people.

After losing his son Angad Paul in 2015 and his wife Aruna in 2022, he undertook similar philanthropic initiatives in their memory.

An active member of the Indian diaspora, Paul maintained his daily routine of attending the House of Lords despite his frailty in recent months.

Government of Karnataka.

DISTRICT URBAN DEVELOPMENT CELL, BIDAR

Bomgondeshwar Samudaya Bhavan (Gonda Bhavan), Near Gurudwara, Chickpet Road, Bidar- 585 401 Ph. No: 08482-229332, Fax: 08482-225262 , E-mail: ka.bidar.dudc@gmail.com

No: DUDC/NAG-4(Saving)/CR-20/2025-26 Dated: 21-08-2025

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

1) Name of work: Construction of footpath from Shivnagar Signal to Beti Circle, Construction of CC Road and Drains at Anand Nagar, Chidri, Mailoor. Construction of CC Road and Drain in Chidri, Ramnagar, Rajgond colony(DMA/2025-26/OW/ WORK_INDENT47991), 2) Estimated cost: As per e-portal, 3) Eligibility of Agency / Consultant: As per e-portal, 4) EMD amount As per e-portal, 5) Pre bid meeting date: **04-09-2025 at 11.00 AM,** 6) Last date for submission of tender: **09-09-2025 upto 04.00 PM,** 7) Technical bid opening **10-09-2025 at 04.30 PM,** 8) Address for communication Executive Engineer DUDC Bidar, DC Office Bidar, Pin code 585401, Email : ka .bidar .dudc @ gmail .com 08482-229332, 9) Website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

Executive Engineer DUDC Bidar.

DIPR/Bidar/151/KSMC&A/2025-26

BENGALURU SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT LIMITED

Office of the Deputy General Manager-2, 1st Floor, BBMP Building, Thimmaiah Road, Vasanth Nagar, Bengaluru-560052

No. DGM-2/BSWML/Tend/19/25-26 Date: 22.08.2025

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT)

(Through GOK KPP Portal Only)

1. The Deputy General Manager-2, Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited on behalf of the Managing Director, BSWML, Bengaluru from eligible bidders for the works detailed in the table below. The bidders may submit tenders for Works given in the table through KPP portal of the Government of Karnataka (viz.https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in) The Bidders are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in Clause 3 of the instructions to bidders to qualify for award of the contract.
2. Tender documents may be downloaded from the KPP portal of the Government of Karnataka.
3. Other details can be seen in the tender documents.

Name of the Works	Amount Put to Tender (Rs.in Lakhs)	EMD (in Rs)	Cost of Tender Document	Contract Completion Period
Providing and Construction of SSM with Chainlink Fencing Compound for Gollahalli Sy,No.39 in Bengaluru South Constituency (Call-2)	795.66 (Excluding GST)	Rs.1,00,000/- through e-payment under of the following i.e., online / RTGS / NEFT / OTC and the balance Rs.10,93,491/- by Bank Guarantee/ FDR issued by Nationalized/ Scheduled Bank	As per KPP portal	6 Months (Including Monsoon Period)
Providing and Construction of SSM with Chainlink Fencing Compound for Gollahalli Sy,No.58 in Bengaluru South Constituency (Call-2)	520.17 (Excluding GST)	Rs.1,00,000/- through e-payment under of the following i.e., online / RTGS / NEFT / OTC and the balance Rs.6,80,255/- by Bank Guarantee/ FDR issued by Nationalized/ Scheduled Bank	As per KPP portal	6 Months (Including Monsoon Period)

Calendar of Events: 1) Pre bid meeting will be held on 03.09.2025 at 15:00 hours in office of the Chief Engineer & Chief General Manager (Tech), BSWML, BBMP Building, Thimmaiah Road, Vasanth Nagar, Bengaluru - 52. 2) Last date for bid submission is 15.09.2025 on or before 16:00 hours. 3) Bid opening date on 16.09.2025 after 16:30 hours.

Sd/- Deputy General Manager-2, BSWML, Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/2457/CCL/2025-26

Government of Karnataka

GULBARGA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES, KALABURAGI

(Autonomous Institution of Govt. of Karnataka)

E-mail:directorgimsgulbarga@gmail.com Phone No 08472-260252

No. GIMS/KLB/Tender/OS-3/CR/91/2025-26/1381 Date:21-08-2025.

:: TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-procurement) ::

Gulbarga Institute of Medical Sciences, Kalaburagi invites tender for eligible bidders in bid system (Techno-commercial Bid & Financial Bid) in e-procurement 2.0 mode for providing the **Non-Technical Cleaning, Security & Other Group D Posts Services through Manpower Agencies on Outsource basis to Gulbarga Institute of Medical Sciences, Kalaburagi.** Details are available in the site: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. Last date and time for upload of e-tender in E-procurement platform as follows.

1) Commencement of download of e-Tender Form from website-https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in **No. GIMS/KLB/Tender/OS-3/CR/91/2025-26, Date:21/08/2025, DME/2025-26/SE0536.**, 2) Last Date for Queries: **06-09-2025 at 17:00 pm**, 3) Pre-bid Meeting: **09-09-2025 at 12:30 pm**, 4) Last Date for Uploading of Tender in e-procurement platform on or before: **20-09-2025 at 4.30 pm**, 5) Opening of Techno-Commercial Bid: **22-09-2025 at 05:00 pm** 6) Opening of Tenders Financial bid: **23-09-2025 at 11:30 am**, 7) Tender amount: **Rs. 8,10,47,290=00**, 8) EMD : **Rs. 16,21,000=00**, 8) Contact Details: Director, GIMS Kalaburagi veresh Nagar sedam road Kalaburagi 585105. Office Email: directorgimsgulbarga@gmail.com Land Line:08472-260252 Cell:+91 9482093568 Tender Section Email: gimstenderklb22@gmail.com Cell:+91 9972688602

Sd/- Director, Gulbarga Institute of Medical Sciences, Kalaburagi.

DIPR/Kalaburagi/420/KSMC&A/2025-26

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ಸಂಃನಸಶ/ತಾ.ಶಾ/15th FC/ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಶಾಖೆ/2025–26 ದಿನಾಂಕಃ.18.08.2025.

PUBLICATION OF TENDERS (ONLY THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT PORTAL)

Long-term tenders are invited from registered eligible authorized contractors through e-procurement portal for the works taken up under the 15th Financial Plan 2025-26 in Shahabad Municipality under the Karnataka Public Procurement and Transparency Rules, 2000. For more information, please visit https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.

SL. No	INDENT NUMBER	ESTIMATED COST In Lakhs	Amount Put to Tender in Lakhs	EMD in RS.	DURATION	CATEGORY
1	DMA/2025-26/OW/ Work_Indent47197	49.11	40.56	81118/-	03 Months	As per Tender Document
2	DMA/2025-26/OW/ Work_Indent42002	55.90	46.19	92393/-	03 Months	As per Tender Document

The dates set for the tender process are as follows.

1) Last date for submitting objections to the tender: **03.09.2025** ಸಮಯ 5.30 ಗಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ, 2) Last date for submission of tenders: **04.09.2025**, ಸಮಯ 5.30 ಗಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ, 3) Tender opening date: **12.09.2025** ಸಮಯ 11.00 ಗಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ, 4) Tender Application Form and EMD Details as per e-Procurement Portal: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Municipal Commissioner CMC Shahabad **Sd/- President CMC Shahabad**

DIPR/Kalaburagi/424/KSMC&A/2025-26

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No. CEE/TZ/Mys/SEE(O)/AEE-3/25-26/3846 Dated:22.08.2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION (KPPP mode only)

KPTCL invites bids against Enquiry No: CEE/KPTCL/TZM/SEE(O)/AEE-3/2024-25/SWG/701 dtd:20.03.2025 **for "Providing additional 2 No's of 11kV PCVCB Feeder Switchgears at 66/11kV Substation Hangala, Gundlupete Taluk, Chamrajanagara District." Call-3.** Reserved for **ST/SC category.** The detailed notification regarding above said enquiry in the e-tendering process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website: **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink "E Procurement KPTCL" or **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in on or after 25.08.2025.** Any other details can be had from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- Chief Engineer (Electy.,) Transmission (Operations) Zone, KPTCL, Prasarana Bhavana, FTS Compound, N.R. Mohalla, Mysuru-570 007

OpenAI announces plan to set up its first office in India

It has begun hiring to expand its local team

BLOOMBERG

OpenAI is set to open a corporate office in the Indian capital of New Delhi in a few months, establishing a formal presence in a key growth market.

The company, known for its artificial intelligence chatbot ChatGPT, has begun hiring to expand its local team, it said in a statement Friday. It posted three sales jobs in India that required at least seven years of experience, and it could list more in future. OpenAI currently has only one employee in India — Pragya Misra, who leads public policy and partnerships in the country after joining the firm last year.

A bigger presence and more staff on the ground will help OpenAI ramp up partnerships with the government, businesses and developers in the country of 1.4 billion people known for its tech talent. The company has committed to work with the federal government in its $1.2 billion IndiaAI Mission that seeks to build large and small language models for the region.

OpenAI CEO Sam Altman

The expansion also underscores OpenAI's effort to help shape early regulations in a technology that's rapidly changing. The world's most populous country is a massive opportunity for global tech companies, but also a market that's sometimes proven difficult for them to navigate.

India is ChatGPT's second-largest market by users, and the company this week launched a more affordable monthly plan at below $5 to woo customers. It also offers a basic free plan and other premium paid subscriptions.

WinZO, Pokerbaazi suspend real money gaming

Bengaluru's Gameskraft pauses Add Cash & Gameplay services

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Real money gaming (RMG) companies have started suspending games that involve money on their platforms after the government passed the Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Bill, 2025. WinZo and Nazara Technologies' Pokerbaazi on Friday said they halted RMG operations.

Social gaming platform WinZO, which has 250 million users engaging with over 100 games in 15 languages, on Friday said in compliance with the new law, they are responsibly withdrawing impacted offerings w.e.f 22nd August 2025.

"Our vision was simple yet bold - to offer game developers an alternative to restrictive app store monopolies, giving them seamless access to millions of users in India and beyond. Today, WinZO is the trusted partner for developers launching in India and Brazil, a bridge connecting global creators with global consumers, especially for the Indian market. Along the way, we nurtured a vibrant ecosystem, 75,000+ creators producing vernacular gaming content, and a global investor base that believed in India's potential," it said.

From Kalaari Capital and Griffin Gaming Partners to Courtside Ventures, Makers Fund, and Steve Pagliuca (Co-Chair of Bain Capital, owner of the Boston Celtics, and early investor in Epic Games), WinZO became their gateway to India. It added in the statement that 'The best is yet to come'.

Nazara Technologies in a BSE filing said, "In compliance with Regulation 30 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, and pursuant to the Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Bill, 2025, passed by the Parliament on August 21, 2025 and pending enactment, we wish to inform that, as a matter of abundant caution and in due respect of the Government's mandate, Moonshine Technologies Private Limited (Moonshine/Pokerbaazi), an associate company in which Nazara Technologies Limited holds a 46.07% stake, has ceased offering real money online gaming operations."

It said that the company will evaluate the future course of action following the enactment of the Bill.

Gameskraft too paused its 'Add Cash' and 'Gameplay services' on its rummy apps. The company spokesperson said the withdrawal services continue to remain available in accordance with platform policies. "We want to reassure that the users' funds continue to be safe with us. This is a precautionary measure to ensure full compliance with the evolving legal framework. As a responsible and law-abiding organisation, Gameskraft remains committed to constructive dialogue with policymakers and stakeholders to help shape a future that safeguards players, supports innovation, and unlocks the full potential of India's digital gaming economy," the spokesperson added.

RBI names Indranil Bhattacharyya as new MPC member

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Indranil Bhattacharyya

The central board of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Friday approved the nomination of Executive Director Indranil Bhattacharyya as an ex-officio member of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC).

Bhattacharyya will now be a part of the upcoming MPC meeting scheduled to be held from September 29 to October 1.

He will replace Rajiv Ranjan, who is scheduled to retire in September. Ranjan, who is also an executive director of the RBI, has been an MPC member since May 2022.

Six-member MPC, chaired by the RBI governor, is mandated to determine policy interest rates required to achieve price stability and support economic growth.

The 618th meeting of the Central Board of Directors of the RBI was held on Friday in Lucknow under the Chairmanship of Governor Sanjay Malhotra.

"The Board approved the nomination of Indranil Bhattacharyya, Executive Director, as an ex-officio member of the Monetary Policy Committee," the RBI said in a statement.

The Board assessed the emerging global and domestic economic landscape, including the geopolitical and financial market developments and associated challenges. It also reviewed the functioning of select Central Office Departments of the RBI, committees of central board and the Ombudsman scheme.

An alumnus of Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), Bhattacharyya was appointed RBI executive director in March.

New Income Tax Act to come into force from April 1, 2026

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Nirmala Sitharaman

The central government has formally notified the Income-Tax Act, 2025 that will come into force from April 1, 2026 replacing the over six-decade old legislation on the country's indirect tax system.

The Act, which was passed in Parliament earlier this month, received the President's assent on August 21, 2025.

The Legislative Department of the Ministry of Law and Justice issued a notification in this regard with the same date.

"The following Act of Parliament received the assent of the President on the 21st August, 2025 and is hereby published for general information," the Ministry of Law and Justice noted in the gazette notification.

The Act seeks to consolidate and amend the law relating to income-tax.

"Save as otherwise provided in this Act, it shall come into force on the 1st April, 2026," it said. The current income tax framework in the country is governed by the Income Tax Act, 1961. Though this over six-decade old legislation has been replaced with a new Act, it will remain in effect till the end of this financial year. The new Act has simplified the language and removed redundant provisions.

The new Act has introduced the concept of "tax year", which has been defined as the 12-month period beginning April 1.

Andhra partners with A.P. Moller-Maersk, to develop Rs 9,000 crore container terminals

HYDERABAD, DHNS: APM Terminals, a subsidiary of the global shipping and port management giant A.P. Moller-Maersk, has signed an MoU with the AP Maritime Board for the development of ports in the state.

With an investment of Rs 9,000 crore, APM Terminals will develop infrastructure and modernise the Ramayapatnam, Machilipatnam, and Mulapeta ports. The MoU was signed in the presence of Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu on Friday. The company will establish and operate modern terminals and cargo handling systems at these ports. This initiative is expected to create direct employment opportunities for about 10,000 people.

Established in 1904, APM Terminals is the world's oldest port operator which owns and operates container terminals across the world. APM Terminals is a subsidiary of Maersk that operates in 130 countries in the world.

The Chief Minister emphasised that APM Terminals' services should also benefit domestic cargo movement across India. He suggested that an economic ecosystem should be developed around the ports.

TCS opens Google Cloud Gemini Experience Centre in Bengaluru

BENGALURU, DHNS: The country's largest IT services company Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) has launched a Google Cloud Gemini Experience Centre at its Banking, Financial Services and Insurance (BFSI) Innovation Lab in Bengaluru. This will empower financial institutions to explore advanced AI capabilities, co-create tailored solutions, and prototype transformative applications. The centre brings together TCS' deep domain knowledge and contextual industry expertise along with Google Cloud's suite of innovative technologies, the company said in a statement. Through this facility, customers can leverage Google's Gemini models and Agentspace technologies.

Apollo Hospitals promoters offload 1.3% for Rs 1,489 cr

NEW DELHI, PTI: Apollo Hospitals on Friday said its promoter group represented by Managing Director Suneeta Reddy has offloaded 1.3% stake in the healthcare for Rs 1,489 crore. The promoter group led by Reddy has sold 18,97,239 shares, amounting to 1.3% stake in Apollo Hospitals Enterprise Ltd via block deal on the stock exchanges, at a price of Rs 7,850 per share, the company said in a statement. The sale proceeds will be utilised to pare down outstanding debt of the promoter group, it added.

Subsequent to the sale, the promoter group holding in Apollo Hospitals will reduce to 28%.

IT/BT Dept announces 11 new business incubators

BENGALURU, DHNS: Inaugurating the fifth edition of 'HDB Techceleration', the flagship initiative of the Government of Karnataka's Beyond Bengaluru Mission, on Friday, 11 new Technology Business Incubators (TBIs) were announced, under the Government of Karnataka's Department of Electronics, IT/BT.

Priyank Kharge

Of these, five are dedicated to the HDB cluster and 3 specifically to Belagavi, with the remaining progressing through active discussions with industry and academia. Plans are also underway for a LEAP (Learning, Employment, and Acceleration Program) to strengthen the talent pipeline in emerging technologies.

Anchored by the Karnataka Digital Economy Mission (KDEM), Techceleration serves as a platform to unite key stakeholders in shaping a collaborative ecosystem that drives innovation, generates quality jobs, and attracts global enterprises.

This year's edition, inaugurated by Priyank Kharge, Minister for IT/BT & Rural Development, at the Suvarna Vidhana Soudha in Belagavi brought together policy leaders, innovators, semiconductor industry experts, GCCs, startups, academia, and investors.

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EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PUBLIC WORKS, DEPT,DIVISION BELAGAVI

No/PWD/BGM/QUOTATION RATES/TA/AE/2025-26/3033 DATE: 22.08.2025

ITEM RATE QUOTATION NOTIFICATION

The Executive Engineer, PWD Belagavi Division Belagavi invites, Various development works are being carried out through the District Collectors under the funds of the Union Ministry of Tourisms SASCI PRASHAD 2.0 and Sri Renuka Yallamma Temple Development Authority. The above work is to be undertaken and quotations are being invited fo some selected items as the prices are not available in the Uni SR for the year 2023-24 (continued for the year 2025-26) for the preparation of the estimate of the work. Quotations are invited by The Executive Engineer, PWD Belagavi Division Belagavi for the items on the notice board of the office, subject to the following conditions.

Terms and Conditions:

1. The Executive Engineer Public Works Department, Belgaum Division, Belgaum reserves the right to reject the said rates without assigning any reason.
2. The rates should be inclusive of all charges.
3. GST at 18% will be paid separately.
4. The rates should be quoted for the essential material items given and in case if any change in specifications of items this should be clearly stated.
5. Sealed quotations should reach this office on or before 28.08.2025 @ 5.00 PM or in person to this office. Delay in postal transit will not be considered. For more information Contact this office and Helpline No: 0831-2467103

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Public Works Department
Belagavi Division, Belagavi

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HUBBALLI ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED
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Fax: 0836 2366184. E-mail: seehbl.hescom@gmail.com
CIN No: U31401KA2002SGCO30437

No: HESCOM/SEE/EEE(O)/AEE-1/F-48/2025-26/2161-62 Date: 21-08-2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through KPPP Portal Only)

Superintending Engineer(Ele), O and M Circle, HESCOM, Hubballi has invited Tender for Arranging Power Supply to Sixty Eight number of installations in electrically Undeveloped area with R.S number 21A/1+2/A and 20 at Ibrahimpur Old Hubli, Hubballi as per the KERC RoE 3.2.5 in O & M Unit-4, Siddaroodh Section CSD-2, HESCOM Hubballi under Total Turn Key basis in Two cover system. The details of works tender indent are: **HESCOM/2025-26/EL/WORK_INDENT918**.

The detailed notification regarding the bid enquiry can be obtained by logging on to the website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **27-08-2025** for further information, please contact: 94808 83827/ 94483 70227 during office hours.

Superintending Engineer (Ele).,
ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ಧಾ/ದಿಶಾ/584/2025–26 **O & M Circle Office, HESCOM, Hubballi.**

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Chickpet Division, No. 194, T.Mariyappa Road, Opp. to Lalbagh South Gate, Siddapura Circle, Bengaluru-560011.

No. EE/CKP/E-PROC/05/2025-26 Date: 22.08.2025

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER
Single Cover System (Only through GoK KPP Portal)

The Executive Engineer, Chickpet Division, BBMP, Bengaluru on behalf the Commissioner, BBMP invites Tenders from eligible contractors registered in BBMP or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES / National Highway or any State Govt. Organisations for the following works.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Estimate Cost (Rs. in lakhs)	EMD Amount (in Rs.)
1	Providing repairs to damaged portions of the buildings due to unexpected accident at Chinnaiahnapalya, Wilson garden in Ward No. 164, Hombegowdanagara. **(Others Category).**	20.00	50,000/-
2	Providing Asphalting to 4th Cross, 6th Cross and 9th Cross in Ward No. 164, Hombegowdanagara - Call-2 **(CAT-II A).**	50.00	50,000/-

Calendar of Events: **(1)** Tender documents may be downloaded from KPP Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in (2)** Last date for uploading the filled tender document: **29.08.2025 upto 4.00 pm. (3)** Date of Opening of Financial bid tenders : **30.08.2025 by 4.30 pm.** Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours or from KPP Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer
Chickpet Division, BBMP

Shivamogga-Bhadravathi Urban Development Authority
SUDA Commercial Complex, Vinobanagara, 100 Ft Road,
Shivamogga - 577204. Ph No.: 08182-249867,249280.
Website : www.shivamogga.uda.gov.in

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KPPP portal Tender Notification

Item-war Tenders are invited from the undersigned as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Rules 1999 and Act 2000 and as per Standard Tender Document KW-3 and 4 procedure from the eligible Civil contractors of Public Works Department registered in KPPP portal for total 04 works. Eligible contractors shall participate through KPPP portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** The details for the eligibility criteria for the tenderers as specified in Clause 3 of the instruction manual and schedule dates have been published on the KPPP portal. For more details on KPPP portal, contact helpdesk No. 080-8046010000 and 8068948777.

Other details can be had from the Asst. Executive Engineer of the Authority during office hours between 3.30 P M and 5.30 P M.

Sd/-
(Vishwanatha P Mudajji)
Commissioner, Shivamogga-Bhadravathi Urban Development Authority Shivamogga

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(H S Sundaresh, BE) President, Shivamogga-Bhadravathi Urban Development Authority Shivamogga

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GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
Public Works Department
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD DIVISION CHIKKODI
Phone No: 08338/273859 E-mail: eepwdckd@gmail.com

No/PWD/CKD DIV/AE-1/TENDER/2025-26/2797 DATE: 21.08.2025

SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Executive Engineer PWD Division Chikkodi has invited item wise short term-e-Tenders from Eligible registered contractors for the works coming under the jurisdiction of Chikodi PWD Division 1 work under head of account 4059 Department Buildings and 1 work under head of 8443-Deposit Contribution (DMF), Totally 2 No. of works. Amount put to tender is Rs. 80.00 Lakhs and Rs. 40.00 Lakhs respectively.

Calendar of events:

1. Last date for queries & clarifications: **08.09.2025 upto 5.30 PM**
2. Last date of Receipt of Bids: **10.09.2025 upto 5.00 PM**
3. Date of opening of Technical bids (Two Cover System) : **12.09.2025 at 4.30 PM**
4. Date of opening of Financial bids (Two Cover System): **"after approval of Technical bids"**
5. If no bid received auto extension will be done by e-proc itself for 2 days. For more information & forms of tender can be downloaded from kpp.karnataka.gov.in & departmental website www.kpwd.gov.in. Further details can be collected from O/o Executive Engineer Public Works Dept. Division Chikkodi during working hours.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
PWD Division Chikodi

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SAINIK SCHOOL KODAGU (KARNATAKA)
VILLAGE - KUDIGE, KUSHALNAGAR, PIN: 571 232

RECRUITMENT NOTIFICATION NO : 04/ AUG 2025

1. Sainik School Kodagu, an autonomous institution functioning under Sainik Schools Society, Ministry of Defence, invites applications from the eligible candidates (Indian Citizens Only) for the Contractual posts as mentioned below:-

S.No.	Name of Post	No. of Posts & Category
(a)	Art Master	UR X 01
(b)	School Medical Officer	UR X 01
(c)	Nursing Sister	UR X 01
(d)	Ward Boy (male & female)	UR X 03 OBC X 01

2. For detailed Notification and Application Form, visit School website **www.sainikschoolkodagu.edu.in** from 23 Aug 2025. The School administration reserves the right to cancel the vacancy due to administrative reasons.

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Slithery and Blue

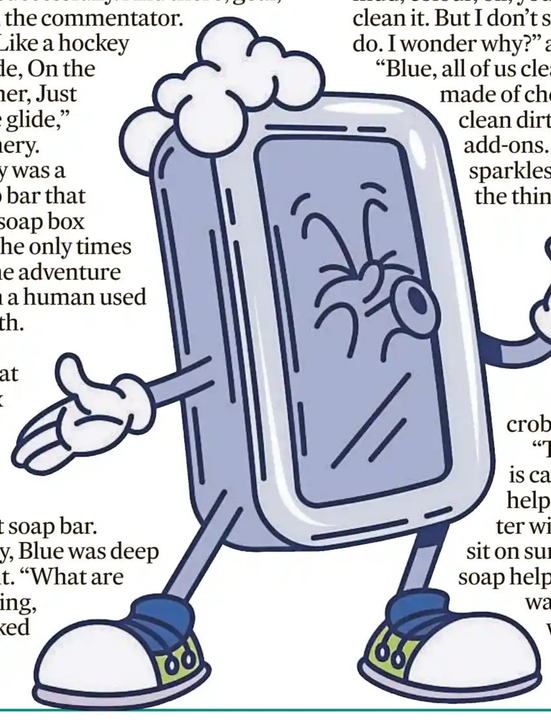
Vaishnavi Sridhar tunes in to a chat between a bathing bar and a detergent bar

Slithery inches close to the steel goal post with holes. The human goalie trying to stop it unsuccessfully. And there, goal," said Blue, the commentator.

"Wee. Like a hockey puck I slide, On the tiles I slither, Just watch me glide," sang Slithery.

Slithery was a bath soap bar that lived in a soap box usually. The only times it got some adventure was when a human used it for a bath. At other times, it sat in the box chatting with its friend Blue, a detergent soap bar.

One day, Blue was deep in thought. "What are you thinking, Blue?" asked Slithery.



"I help wash stains from clothes. Make them bright, nice, and clean. Ketchup, mud, colour, oil, you name it, and I can clean it. But I don't slide as much as you do. I wonder why?" asked Blue.

"Blue, all of us cleaning agents are made of chemicals that help clean dirt. Then there are the add-ons. The nice smell, the sparkles, the cool colours, the things that make one's skin soft, and others. Also, many cleaning agents have chemicals that kill microbes," said Slithery.

"The cleaning part is called a surfactant. It helps water spread. Water will form blobs and sit on surfaces. But adding soap helps it spread. After all water is required to wash off dirt," it added. "Aah yes. The human usually soaks the cloth in water and then uses me to clean it," said Blue.

"Exactly. This surfactant is made of water-loving and water-hating parts. When we use soap and water to wash off something, the surfactant molecules make dirt traps. In these dirt traps, the water-hating parts trap the dirt. The water-loving parts make it easy to lift the dirt off the surface. And some detergents contain special enzymes that breakdown different types of dirt," said Slithery.

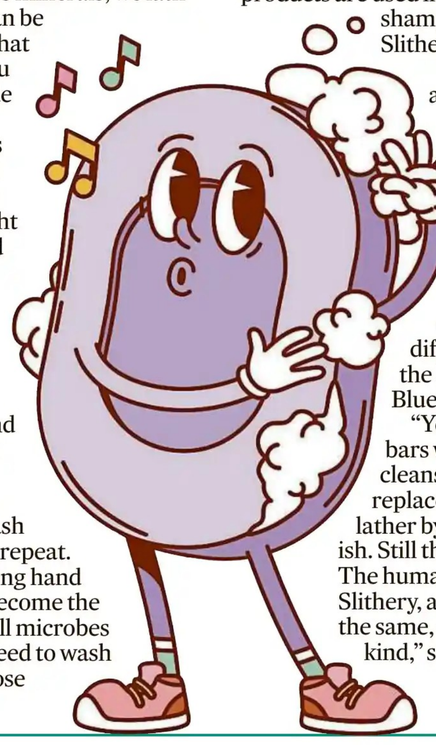
"We both are similar in various ways. But there are differences too. For example, we both are made differently and are made of different things. We, bath soaps, are made from natural oils and fats. These are boiled with a chemical called sodium hydroxide. To make liquid soaps, another chemical is used. That is why they are softer on the skin and lather more. On the other hand, detergent soaps like you are made from manmade chemicals in industries," it added.

"Oh, that is so cool. Yes, my siblings and I were made in those giant pots in the industry. When we were formed fully, we slid down a belt, got a tattoo, and got clothed in a packet. After sitting in the store for some time, this human picked me up," said Blue.

"Yes, that was the case for me too," said Slithery. "Now Blue, cloth detergents like you were made to remove the toughest of stains. You can be used in any kind of water. We, soaps, form a sticky white thing when we are used with water that has a lot of minerals. And in water with less minerals, we lather a lot. But you all can be washed off easily in that kind of water too. You were designed to slide less," it added.

"Oh. So, I slide less because that is how I am made. That feels good. I always thought that I was uncool and had a defect," said Blue. "Each of us are unique, Blue. Don't forget, we help humans by killing and washing harmful microbes and dirt. During a recent pandemic, humans were advised to use soap and water to wash hands. Rinse, lather, repeat. The alcohol-containing hand sanitisers, sure did become the rage though. They kill microbes and you don't even need to wash them off. Or even those sanitising sprays and wipes. But there is more fun in using us and we are way softer on the skin," said Slithery.

"But what did humans use before we were invented?" asked Blue. "Blue, they used plants that act as natural surfactants, like soap nut or reetha or shikakai, or clay or ash or herbal water or just water. The idea was to remove the dirt and to be clean. These natural products are used in some soaps and shampoo today too," said Slithery.



"Wow. And there are so many varieties of cleaning agents these days. The OG bath soap bars like you, cloth detergent bars like me, our liquid versions, sanitisers, cleaning agents for different surfaces, and the list goes on," said Blue.

"Yes, Blue. But we soap bars will be the original cleansers and no one can replace us. Yet one day, lather by lather, we will vanish. Still the show will go on. The human will bring another Slithery, another Blue. Maybe the same, or maybe another kind," said Slithery.

4 animation MOVIES on dogs

They teach you about bravery, trust and love beyond boundaries

Lady and the Tramp (1955)

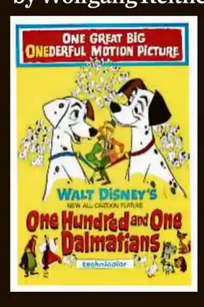
This classic by Hamilton Luske, Clyde Geronimi, and Wilfred Jackson is about Lady, a cocker spaniel from a well-to-do home, and Tramp, a scrappy mutt who lives on the streets. Tramp shows Lady a world she never imagined. Their unlikely romance blossoms over spaghetti dinners and narrow escapes, reminding viewers that love knows no boundaries.

Bolt (2008)

Directed by Chris Williams and Byron Howard, the film's story follows Bolt, a white German shepherd who stars in a fictional TV show where he plays a dog with superpowers. He thinks everything in the show is real. When he's accidentally shipped from Hollywood to New York City, he must find his owner, Penny, without his "powers". He teams up with a cynical cat named Mittens and an overenthusiastic hamster named Rhino — the group discovers the meaning of loyalty, bravery, and being true to oneself.

One Hundred and One Dalmatians (1961)

The beloved Disney film was directed by Wolfgang Reitherman, Hamilton Luske, and Clyde Geronimi. It is centred on Pongo and Perdita, two Dalmatians who were living a peaceful life in London. Their world is turned upside down when Cruella de Vil kidnaps their 15 puppies — to turn them into a fur coat. The duo sets off on a rescue mission, saving not only their own little ones but many others as well.



The Secret Life of Pets (2016)

Directed by Chris Renaud, the film depicts a world where pets lead secret lives once their owners step out for the day. Max, a small terrier, lives in a Manhattan apartment. His life goes upside down when his owner brings home an unruly rescue dog named Duke. During a walk in the park, they end up lost in the city. They learn to trust one another and form an unexpected bond.

My **hope** for the **future** is...

Open Sesame readers share poems on their vision for a world without hatred, hunger, and pollution

A new world

I dream of a world without sirens or fear,
Where goodness is the only sound we hear.
No border drawn in anger or greed,
Only nations united with each good deed.
Here, the skies are clear, the water flows so sweet,
A dreamland where no child is hungry, no shivering feet.
The old are respected, the young educated,
Where peace is spread, and hatred's defeated.
The streets are lit with safety and care,
So no girl ever ponders "Should I go here?"
I hope to wake up to a dawn here,
Still doubtful if such a day will ever appear

– NAVAMI YOGESH KAMAT, 15
BENGALURU, KARNATAKA

Nature's bliss

My hope for the future,
A dream I want to see.
Clear blue skies,
And a green, living tree.
I hope the sun will always rise,
And colourful birds always chirp.
Rainforests, jungles and oceans thrive,
And sprouts rising in the dirt.
I hope everyone won't be "brainrotted",
Won't be glued to the glowing screens.
Instead they're always cheerful and happy,
Those are my dreams.

– DHAAISHI SALIAN, 11
DAKSHINA KANNADA, KARNATAKA

Goodbye problems

I'm twelve, with dreams that touch the sky,
Hoping all our problems of the future say goodbye.
Wishing equal hearts join, no matter their name,
Love, not hate, sets our lives aflame.
Education for all, schools open wide,
Knowledge lifts us, with hope our guide.
Health for all, no one left behind,
Work for all, and future kind.
No empty plates, no pain to bear,
A brighter India, with love to share.
I dream, I pray, for a better day,
Where hope and happiness light up our way!

– KAMAKSHI KALE, 12
PUNE, MAHARASHTRA

Being kind

When I grow up, I hope I smile,
And I hope I have my very own real style.
Even in a world so cruel,
I hope I have enough fuel.
In a place where people chase money,
I want to be sweeter than honey.
In a place where people betray,
I want to love and pray.
I want to be the light,
In a place where even devil is afraid and fright.

– SAMRIDDHI GANJI, 15
KALABURGI, KARNATAKA

Close to nature

My hope for the future
Is to live close to nature.
My hope for the pollution
Is to replace plastic as the solution.
My hope for the water
Is to stop the litter.
My hope for the enmity,
Is to thrive together as a community.

– INBA, 9
BENGALURU, KARNATAKA

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Word of the Week

garrulous

(adjective)
excessively talkative, especially about silly or trivial matters.

Usage
— Jessia's garrulous aunt dominated the conversation at the family reunion.
— After a few drinks, he became remarkably garrulous, sharing stories with strangers.

This Week:

Amazing apes

Open Sesame Quiz

Take the fun Open Sesame quiz, and stand a chance to win gift vouchers worth Rs 500. Open to children below 16 years.

Q1 August 19 is International Orangutan Day. Orangutans are critically endangered, and found only in two places, one being Sumatra. Which is the other island, politically divided among Indonesia, Malaysia and Brunei?

Q2 On March 28, 1838, who observed that Jenny, an orangutan at London Zoo, "kicked and cried like a naughty child", when she was shown and refused an apple?

Q3 Two of the three orangutan species were classified in 1996. More at risk than the others is the third, the Tapanuli orangutan. Which year was that species identified?

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Q4 **Rhyme Time:** Two clues to which the answers rhyme with each other.
Clue A: Orangutans spend most of their time in –.
Clue B: A gentle wind.

Q5 **Clue Cluster:** Which Jules Verne novel features an orangutan named Jupiter, who is domesticated by five men?
Use these clues.
a) Hydrogen balloon
b) Dog
c) Prince Dakkar
d) Volcano

LAST WEEK'S WINNERS: Kruthi Patel (9), Davanagare; Anoosha B K (12), Sringeri; Kashish (14), Madikeri.

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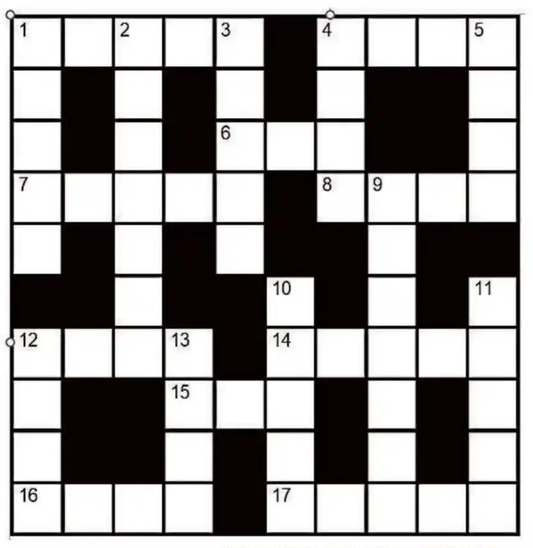

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Across
1 Bag for money (5)
4 __ Austen, Pride and Prejudice author (4)
6 Cry noisily (3)
7 Latin American dance (5)
8 Skim though reading material (4)
12 What a dog's tail does (4)
14 Mistake (5)
15 Tune (3)
16 __ Blyton, Secret Seven author (4)
17 Fleshy fruit (5)

Down
1 Flower (5)
2 Harry Potter author, Joan __ (7)
3 Written composition (5)
4 Tasks (4)
5 Flat and smooth in surface (4)
9 Alice in Wonderland author, Lewis __ (7)
10 Liquid part of blood (5)
11 Rice and wheat (5)
12 Clean with cloth (4)
13 Spoke (4)

ANSWERS
Across: 1 Purse, 4 Jane, 6 Sob, 7 Salsa, 8 Scan, 12 Wags, 14 Error, 15 Air, 16 Enid, 17 Melon.
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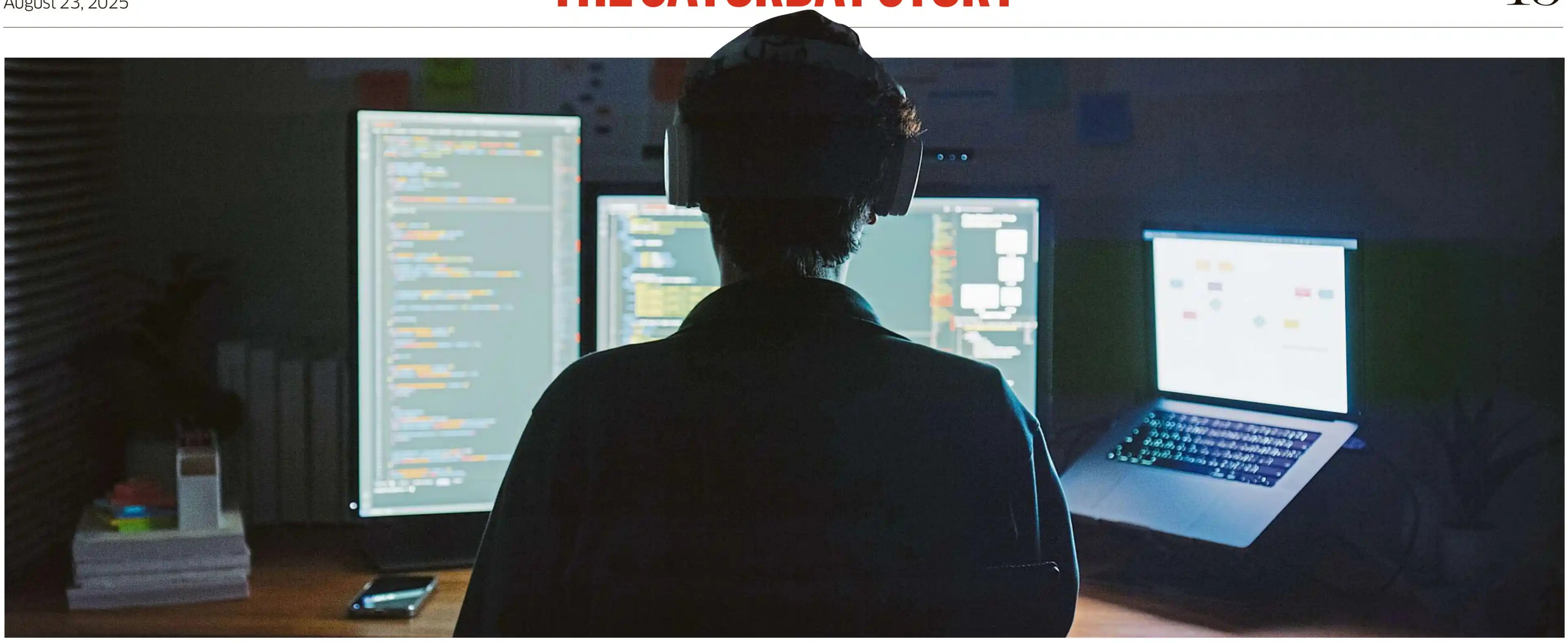

Drishti Rakhra has been a lecturer for six years. When she started out, the classroom was a place for real-time conversations. Now, she writes, AI has changed everything

AI is reshaping my classroom

I fell into teaching naturally in 2019. I felt alive in the classroom even before I considered becoming a teacher. Even then, I realised that the classroom was a place of fun: conversation, jokes, and play. As a student, I especially enjoyed classes in which the teacher was accessible, and I could ask whatever questions came to mind.

As a teacher, I knew I wanted the same for my students. Every time I read a student's assignment, it was with a sense of fullness and curiosity. If students wrote about the dosa place next to campus, I knew that the experience was real and honest, and that when we talked about the always-grumpy man there, the experience was shared. All of this was temporarily paused when I was forced to look at them differently: all my previously innocent and cute students seemed to have grown AI-shaped fangs.

For all of April 2024, I looked at student writing and pulled apart each submission line by line to try and figure out whether the words in front of me were written by a person or a machine. Reading their work stopped being less about the students and more about the strange mechanics of computing. It became clear to me, as it did to others, that the classroom would never be the same again.

After some amount of spy work, I had my list of defaulters in place. I called them to the department one by one and had long conversations with them. One of them, let us call him 'C', was a tall, gym-going boy who had already made clear that he wasn't interested in the subject I teach — journalism. But when he sat in front of me, his tallness curved into a smaller something, almost folding in on itself. I asked him why he felt the need to take assistance from AI. He remained quiet. I lowered my voice, showed him that I meant no harm and asked him the question again. He finally said that he just didn't have time. C was a final year student, at the very edge of graduating. I then asked him if it was worth the risk of failing. This time, I didn't get an answer. He hadn't even considered the possibility of getting caught.

On campus, assignments that have been written or edited using AI are simply not accepted. Students are warned regularly. Most teachers use plagiarism software or AI itself to detect mischief. When an assignment is suspicious, it's most delicious to see QuillBot agree with you: yes, this was written by AI. Yet, I remained somewhat guilty; the irony ringing in my head. I stopped soon, deciding to stay with the student's work long enough to tell whether it's their own or AI written.

Getting addicted

"I used to be addicted to AI," Nancy, an MA English student tells me. We are sitting in a corridor outside the English department as Nancy recalls a time when all aspects of her life led to ChatGPT. She was a second-year B.Ed student when AI took off, and she remembers the craze it triggered. The first time she used it, her teacher had dumped an impossible assignment on her: put together a literature review of 40 papers. In a fit of desperation, she turned to the new and shining OpenAI software and received a clean looking list. When I ask her if she edited the assignment, she says, laughing. "There was no need to." Three months after that, her college introduced strict rules about the use of AI assistance.

Generative Artificial Intelligence Addiction Disorder (GAID) is currently being floated as the newest behaviour disorder to succeed Internet Gaming Disorder. Nancy, like several other students, began using AI not simply for academic help but also for emotional support. She would ask it for advice and escape the judgement she would receive if she were with her friends.

"It almost made me break up with my boyfriend!" Her face mimics the incredulousness in her voice. She speaks of the same boyfriend now — an IT professional who reassures her that ChatGPT is just a bot, there is no one behind the screen.

The stories of AI use are endless. On Monday, a colleague tells me about catching a student using ChatGPT in class. On Tuesday, I am handed a long list of notes put together by a burly, boyish student. I see the pride he carries, chest extra puffed up: the 3,000 words of notes are all AI. On Wednesday, another student hands me a 'consumer report' of students benefiting from the mid-day meal scheme on the campus, a comprehensive report he managed to prepare after talking to a grand total of three people. I am much better at spotting this discrepancy now, a far leap from 2022 when ChatGPT was new and students danced with it with festive excitement. I learned to read language more carefully, I picked up on grammatical nuances and student experiences. At the same time, it started to dawn on me that my classroom was in danger of becoming plastic, empty of students' experiences and their contexts.

Christine Boomstrae, one of my colleagues, describes a first-year General English classroom. She asked her class of 60 BSc students how many felt confident about conducting research without the help of ChatGPT or Google. "Guess how many raised their hands?" she says. "Only three. In a class of 60." She asked two classes if they used AI, and all the students raised their hands in the affirmative. One of them, she says, even showed her their conversation with ChatGPT. They shared intimate details about their day. Her face betrays some of the shock she is feeling, "You can't even imagine," she says slowly, "the kind of things she tells AI."

Nancy's earnest smile reveals little as she tells me something similar. "I was dealing with depression at the time," she says. "I would turn to AI whenever I was struggling with something, but I realised soon that it was not good. It was just agreeing with everything I said." At one point, she felt upset by something ChatGPT said, so she asked it to be nicer to her. Since then, it just continued to agree with her and she got tired of it. "AI can't give us what human beings can," she says. The discovery took her a long time, but the scale tipped when she went to one of her professors one day and explained to him what she was thinking. He gave her a simple piece of advice: go speak to your mother. Her professor was able to deduce from the context that she wasn't relying on the people around her. When she did have a conversation with her mother, everything became simpler. How would AI know to give her this answer?

If you look closely enough at AI, patterns begin to emerge. It agrees with you, very rarely uses any negative language, and is pumped with the bias of the data it is fed. There is endless research around the world looking into the effects of AI on therapy, brain function, and thought processes.

Karthik Nagendra, also an MA English student, points out a similar pattern. He is generous with his use of AI but also careful about the words it gives him. After an AI obsession not unlike Nancy's, he decided to pull back because he realised that AI agreed with everything he said. "It is designed to make you keep coming back for more," he says.

AI-able education

Those who have come to rely on AI for everyday activities seem to believe that the rest of us are 'backward thinking'. At a teaching workshop I attended recently, the facilitator declared with enthusiasm, "AI should be used everywhere!" The blanket statement seems to imply that all teaching contexts are the same, but enough conversation with colleagues has shown me otherwise. A senior professor once discovered a badly submitted AI-written assignment. He decided to speak to the student, only to find out that she had a part-time job at a cafe because of financial constraints, and did not have the time to study. Hearing this gave me pause. I went back to the drawing board: what is a teacher supposed to do?

It has taken me six years of teaching to learn that there is no clear answer to this; it changes from one classroom to the other, from one set of students to the other. The work of the teacher is to respond to the student, to facilitate spaces for conversation and learning. A one-size-fits-all approach reduces students to names, register numbers, and the fees they pay.

Mythili Sripad Bhat, a Communication Studies professor in another Bengaluru college, believes using AI in the humanities "just makes no sense". It is impossible to respond to AI outside of discipline-specific pedagogy. Nagendra reminds me that people are still taught to count numbers even though calculators exist. Similarly, why do people still attempt to read and write? The humanities classroom requires more from the student, but it demands even more from the teacher: time, energy, but most importantly, attention.

When I first discovered AI use in C's class, it was with just one student's work. I remember sitting up in horror, the realisation making me look at students' work differently. What started with one assignment became 20 and I experienced a feeling of betrayal. I thought back to the discussions we had had in class, and the work we had been talking about. They were all supposed to write essays and feature stories, but most of them had simply submitted AI-regurgitated nonsense. When I called them to meet me one by one, they were taken aback. They looked at me with guilt, but they were mostly surprised at being caught.

I am reminded of a friend who teaches in a Delhi University college. We often exchange screenshots of ridiculous student assignments. We ask ourselves, 'Do these students think we don't read their work?' They seem to believe that all their work falls into a vacuum, that it is for nothing.

AI proofing

A teacher's job is one of care; to remind the student that their insights are valuable. Mythili now 'AI-proofs' assignments. She gives tasks that require her students to really engage with whatever they are reading. She also does regular check-ins, and encourages them to maintain a daily journal where they build habits and learn to express themselves regularly. Another senior colleague reminds me that most students do not really think of AI as 'cheating' while they would harbour some guilt if they cheated in an exam. They don't seem to worry about the ethical or moral implications of using AI.

The risk of the student not reading is by no means a new one, but the newness rests in the stilted exchange between students and teachers. Ananya Mehta, a student in Jawaharlal Nehru University, describes getting assignments designed to be done by AI, with no inputs needed from the student — they ask for so much that it becomes impossible for the student to finish the task. "What is the point of doing it then?" she wonders.

She describes some discomfort with the idea of using AI regularly, but reminds me that several verticals of education are simply impractical.

As a student, I remember leaping out of exam halls to find my teachers to discuss the question paper with them. My classmates and I would argue about who we thought set the paper, and make small wagers. We learned to read each other's work and talk about it with such leisure that even a process as tedious as answering an exam became joyful.

Ananya tells me about a question that recently appeared in a Communicative English exam, where the students were asked to cast their classmates as characters from Shakespeare's 'Macbeth', with reasons for why each person would suit their role. "Our entire class was buzzing after the paper," she says, "it gave us so much to think about."

Find your voice

In this hyper tech-charged universe, Nancy discovered the importance of her own voice after a year of AI-obsession. "AI takes away my voice," she says. "When I write, I am able to understand what I am thinking. It makes things clearer."

The variety of AI use takes me by surprise. Some students use it simply for research, while others use it to enhance creativity. A majority use it simply to write for them. Mythili finds similar patterns. "They don't want to think at all," she says. "One part of it is insecurity, another is just laziness."

Haripriya, an Industrial Psychology student, who describes herself as an 'old school person', says, "AI helps me by giving me a starting point, I don't need to start from scratch." She found AI later than her classmates, being slightly uncomfortable with tech, but admits to a general complacency that has seeped into research. Most often, she would use AI to read summaries of political happenings.

A poem by teacher-poet Joseph Fasano went viral in 2023 for a line that made its rounds on social media. Fasano ends the poem, addressed to the student using AI, with the line 'love is for the ones who love the work', a statement that collates learning and working with just simply living. Nagendra describes a similar experience as we speak. He has found that the act of writing allows him to think through the concepts he is trying to understand, eventually allowing him to have original thoughts.

What next?

As the semester began this year, I gave my students one clear instruction: you must have a notebook for all your writing and note-taking. Classroom spaces are now fraught with suspicion and the only logical way to deal with it is to return to more 'archaic' teaching methods. When I looked at one of these students' work after a class, I experienced the unexpected pleasure of underlining their writing and pointing out exactly what could be improved. That two-minute exchange did more for us than what has been happening in the last three years.

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MUSICANA

When 12th-century vachanas meet experimental sounds

The duo behind Kayaka talks to Caitlin Lester about reviving the wisdom of Kannada saints for a modern audience

Kayaka is the innovative new project of Bengaluru musicians M D Pallavi and Bruce Lee Mani. It is breaking fresh ground by pairing the words of 12th-century vachanas with contemporary experimental music.

Pallavi is a classically trained sugama sangeetha singer, a tradition that sets Kannada poetry to music. She says the vachanas, which speak loudly against injustice and inequality, are as relevant today as they were when they were written.

"I've yet to come across a vachana I disagree with," she says.

The verses were originally written by people known as Sharanas, who came from all walks of life and were often considered saints, explains Pallavi. Sharanas included cobblers, weavers, grain-pickers and sex workers, all of whom considered their daily labour to be the most sincere form of worship. "That's what 'kayaka' means — work," she says.

Mani, an experimental guitarist, says there is no better time for the egalitarian sentiments of the vachanas to be expressed again. "The gulf between the haves and the have-nots is growing at an astronomical pace," he says.

Kayaka, which was supposed to be a one-off collaboration between Pallavi and Mani for a podcast special, now also includes a seven-piece band.

Despite having only played two live shows, the band has already recorded an album, set to be released in a few months.

M D Pallavi

Bruce Lee Mani

The two foundational musicians approach composition together, allowing the intention of each poem to shape the song. Citing an example, Mani says the arrangement of an "attitude-filled" yet sensitive poem by seminal Dalit poet Kalavve enhances its measured power. "For two minutes, a single bass note hammers away in the background — it's the grind of the system with the poem floating above," he adds.

He says the compositions offer a rich "grab bag" of styles for audiences to experience, including Indian folk, Western blues, and even West African traditions.

Pallavi says this "great musicianship" means even those unfamiliar with the vachanas will find much to appreciate. However, deeper understanding comes from "chewing on" the rich lyrics.

To support this, Kayaka plans to project translations on a screen during future performances, helping audiences engage more fully with the experience.

They are also eager to present their songs to those who are already familiar with the vachanas, especially in rural Karnataka. "It's their 'top 40', so what will their response be?" wonders Mani, who says he's eager for constructive criticism.

Mani emphasises that they are not activists, but instead see themselves as part of a long lineage of artistes using music to inspire change.

"We're doing our best to hold that torch," Mani says. "Sometimes it's just a spark, but it's worth it."

The six instalments of YRF's spyplex, including Pathaan and War 2, offer six solid reasons why it needs a retirement plan, writes Angel Rani

A franchise that flexed too hard

Blame it on Salman Khan. Thirteen years ago, he planted the first seeds of spy cinema for Yash Raj Films... seeds that sprouted into a six-pack (sometimes eight) spectacle. The studio made hay while the abs shone.

Salman's Tiger roared thrice — 'Ek Tha Tiger', 'Tiger Zinda Hai' and 'Tiger 3' (which, let's be honest, purred more than it pounced).

In between, Hrithik Roshan declared 'War' and picked up the torch as Kabir, the rogue agent who seemed to have meandered off a Milan runway. His protege-turned-nemesis Khalid (Tiger Shroff) was equally shredded, and equally allergic to sleeves.

Then came 'Pathaan', and it was Shah Rukh Khan's turn to defy gravity and dismantle villains, all while rocking a man-bun. His RAW agent flirts, fights and joins forces with Deepika Padukone's ISI agent.

Cut to 2025: 'War 2' is here, with a Jr NTR upgrade and a further logic deficit.

So far, six babies from the YRF stable have milked the espionage genre dry. And as always, national security rests in the hands of bronzed men zip-lining across continents in designer leather.

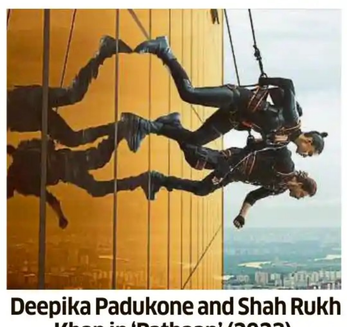
Intelligence? Optional. The real weapon is swagger, preferably delivered while walking away from a fireball in slow motion.

While you are busy drooling over RAW's unofficial modelling division (what else to do during nearly three hours of frenetic pulp?), a femme fatale looms on the horizon. 'Alpha' is waiting in the wings — a female-led espionage saga with Alia Bhatt and Sharvari Wagh at the helm. Looks like we are in for more women who don't smudge their mascara, even during missile strikes.

Now, if we care to dissect the women of YRF's spyverse, they mostly end up as agents of distraction. Not their fault, though. It's a testosterone-soaked instalment, where men get arcs, and women get ambiguity, accessories and probably a beach song.

By now, we are used to watching them twirl, pout, and occasionally land a punch, while the plot marches on without them. From 2012 to 2025, most female characters in the YRF spyverse have felt ornamental — except, perhaps, Katrina Kaif's Zoya.

Salman Khan plays RAW agent Tiger.



Deepika Padukone and Shah Rukh Khan in 'Pathaan' (2023).

Zoya was the blueprint ('Ek Tha Tiger'). An ISI agent with actual agency, she fought, fled and flirted with equal finesse. She was the rare woman in the series who didn't just exist in the shadow of Salman's shirtlessness.

Zoya stayed loyal and lethal in 'Tiger Zinda Hai' and 'Tiger 3'. She shot terrorists, saved hostages and leaned less on glamour.

Sigh. Most of Zoya's groundwork was undone by Naina (Vaani Kapoor) in 'War'. A dancer with a tragic past, she was inserted for emotional fluff. Her spy credentials were nonexistent, and it was more cameo than character.

Then came Deepika Padukone's Rubina in 'Pathaan'. An ISI agent with eyeliner sharper than her agenda, she betrayed, redeemed and danced in 'Besharam Rang'. Sure, she was a spy with potential, but it was her bikini that became the franchise's most memorable prop.

Kiara Advani's Kavya in 'War 2' ticks all the usual boxes — bikini, romance, vanishing act. In what is widely dubbed the franchise's weakest link, she waltzes across Europe's landmarks like a spy moonlighting as a travel influencer.

Just like its half-baked women characters, most of these movies have had a chequered relationship with romance too — the most classified threat in the spyverse. Borderlines and butterflies have always coexisted in this ecosystem. Diplomacy may be dead, but desire thrives in the rubble of geopolitics. Whether it's Zoya and Tiger flirting mid-blast or Rubina and Pathaan decoding each other's allegiances, love across borders has never looked so... choreographed.

But do real agents cross hearts the way they cross enemy lines — especially the ones leading to Pakistan? Do they really save the world between bouts of smouldering eye contact? We know the answer. The makers do too. But what counts is ka-ching. The YRF spyverse has raked in nearly Rs 2,900 crore at the global box office. So when heroes cross over — like Tiger casually striding into Pathaan's turf — it's more about star-stacking and crowd-pulling. Creative fatigue? You bet.

The six instalments we have endured so far double up as six solid reasons why this spyplex needs a retirement plan. It hit rinse-repeat mode ages ago, and every new film is just another glossy rerun with a bigger budget and fewer surprises.

Will Alia Bhatt's upcoming 'Alpha' shift the terrain? History urges caution — we have been burned before, and we have seen too many "strong female leads" reduced to strong female silhouettes. Yes, there is buzz. But unless someone is infiltrating the writing room with actual ideas, it's shaping up to be yet another mission in mediocrity.

Maybe it's time to debrief, decompress and grant the spyverse the overdue exit it's been dodging — with all the legacy it believes it owns.

Katrina Kaif as Zoya in the 'Tiger' series.

'War 2' starring Hrithik Roshan and Jr NTR is the latest in the spy universe.

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Fans seen at Vishnuvardhan's memorial in Abhiman Studio. DH FILE PHOTO/PUSHKAR V

Are statues the best way to honour our heroes?

The furore over Vishnuvardhan's memorial in Kengeri raises many questions, writes Pranati A S

Fans of Kannada actor Vishnuvardhan are upset that a mantapa-like structure in his memory was razed recently. They have been demanding that the memorial — it came up at the spot where he was cremated in Bengaluru — be restored.

Vishnuvardhan, who acted in over 200 films mostly in Kannada, died on December 30, 2009, in Mysuru. He was cremated at Abhimaan Studio in Kengeri. T N Balakrishna, the comedy stalwart, set up the studio against difficult odds. It was built in the 1960s on a 20-acre land alloted by the government. Balakrishna died in 1995. The property has been under dispute, and the Vishnuvardhan memorial had been removed in the dead of the night, fans said.

Vishnuvardhan's fans, including actor Kiccha Sudeep, are now planning to instal a statue in his honour. Sudeep recently announced that he had bought half an acre of land to build a centre in Vishnuvardhan's memory in Kengeri. It will house a 25-foot statue and a photo gallery and library.

A quiet actor rarely seen in public, Vishnuvardhan was known for his intense performances. Most of his films did well at the box office. Films such as 'Nagarahaavu ', 'Gandhada Gudi' (in which he co-starred with Rajkumar), 'Bhootayana Maga Ayyu', 'Bangarada Jinke', 'Bandhana' and 'Muthina Haara', have achieved classic status. However, when one asks about the condition of the films' negatives, there is no answer.

In 2017, the Karnataka Chalanachitra Academy (KCA) announced plans to restore and digitise about 1,500 Kannada films. The BDA had reportedly released Rs 1 crore to fund the restoration project. But there has been no news since. At the KCA office in Nandini Layout, an entire floor dedicated to archiving and restoring films remains empty and unused. When it comes to restoration, preservation and archival of Kannada films, the KCA has done little, and the Karnataka Film Chamber of Commerce (KFCC) has not shown much interest either.

The state of film education in Karnataka is a matter of concern. Few acting schools are dedicated to acting for the screen. In this context, an acting wing in Vishnuvardhan's name at one of the government institutions — Bengaluru City University or Government Film and Television Institute could be a meaningful way to remember him.

With the active participation of actors such as Sudeep, centres can conduct courses and workshops that make a difference to the quality of films being made in Karnataka. The fans association could perhaps open a film club to screen great cinema, and build an auditorium with all the comforts of a multiplex. Filmmaking contests, workshops, and masterclasses can perpetuate memories of an actor better than symbolic monuments.

What is also baffling is the government allotting land for the cremation and burial of actors. Is that the only way to honour our cinema greats? How many of Rajkumar's films are restored, preserved and archived? What are we doing to promote the art we love so much? There are hundreds of statues of actors across Karnataka, but neither the government nor the fans' associations are doing anything beyond such symbolism. If fans come together, with or without the support of the government, they can screen retrospectives to showcase and remember their heroes' finest works.

The government says finding land for burial grounds is becoming difficult even in the villages, but it is giving away prime real estate to bury celebrities in an overpopulated city like Bengaluru. While it is indeed the government's duty to honour our cultural icons, building statues and erecting memorials isn't the best way to go about it.

What happened

December 30, 2009: Vishnuvardhan dies in Mysuru.
December 30, 2009: Body is brought to Bengaluru and cremated in Abhiman Studio.
January, 2010: A small mantapa comes up at the cremation site.
August 8, 2025: The mantapa is pulled down.
August 19, 2025: Sudeep announces alternative memorial, statue.
Foundation stone for the statue will be laid on September 18, 2025.

MOVIE REVIEWS

Sensitive story of a child's innocence driving redemption

SWEEKRUTHI K

If you're on the lookout for a heartwarming watch with the emotions turned all the way up, 'Abandoned Man' may just be the pick for you this weekend. The Turkish film features a classic redemption story, driven by a sweet bond and the innocence of a child.

We are introduced first to Baran, the protagonist, whose integrity and courage are his most enduring traits. After years behind bars, Baran attempts to rebuild his life, encountering several unexpected obstacles. Meeting his young niece, Lidya, throws yet another wrench in his plans. However, the seemingly inherently good Baran takes on every challenge and attempts to persevere through it.

The story is made by its characters: The sweet, young Lidya, Baran's loyal best friend, a perpetually grumpy boss with a growth arc, and even the unpleasant one, Baran's brother.

If you're familiar with Turkish television series, you'll know what to expect — dramatic scenes, extreme transformations, ever-building hardships, and a sudden turnaround. The characters, while likeable, have largely worn-out backstories.

Mert Ramazan Demir and Ada Erma in 'Abandoned Man'.

★★★☆☆

Abandoned Man

Turkish (Netflix)

Director: Çagri Vila Lostuvali

Cast: Mert Ramazan Demir, Ada Erma, Rahimcan Kapkap

However, this is offset by Baran's (Mert Ramazan Demi) excellent acting, which captivates the audience, pulling you into rooting for the character. His losses feel personal, and when a turnaround does come, you find yourself genuinely cheering. The soundtrack rounds this out, bringing intensity and lightness at the right moments. The videography also warrants mention, as the composition of several scenes is striking enough to catch your attention as the story unfolds.

There are also several sweet scenes of little Lidya trying to make sense of her life and the big changes that have come and gone. In one sense, the storyline sees Lidya experience the safety and simplicity of childhood that Baran never had.

Ultimately, 'Abandoned Man' leaves you with a heartfelt takeaway, if you'll allow it to: Even when things feel broken beyond repair, there is always hope. While you may have to suspend parts of your critical lens to enjoy the film, it is certainly a simple, feel-good watch.

No subtlety in binge-worthy series

RASHMI VASUDEVA

★★★½☆

Hostage

English (Netflix)

Directors: Isabelle Sieb, Amy Neil

Cast: Suranne Jones, Julie Delpy, Ashley Thomas, Corey Mylchreest

Netflix's new miniseries, 'Hostage', certainly knows how to hold you captive. A political thriller that runs at a breathless pace right from the word go, it has an intriguing premise: UK Prime Minister Abigail Dalton's (Suranne Jones) husband is kidnapped even as she is holding a high-stakes summit with her French counterpart Vivienne Toussaint (Julie Delpy), primarily to convince the unyielding French to provide emergency drug supplies for a crisis-hit NHS. The French President, though, is confronted with a blackmail crisis of her own. Thus, the stage is nicely set for the personal to clash with the political. Dalton has to do a whole lot of juggling while ensuring she is not voted out by her increasingly suspicious Cabinet of Ministers.

'Hostage"s biggest strengths are its high-wire tension and strong performances by a cast that understands how to bring emotional heft to political machinations. It is fast and furious and manages to squeeze in feminist undercurrents and social commentary. However, it is not without its faults. This is not a series to expect subtlety, and there is a lot of contrivance to keep the tension tight. Without giving anything away, there are plot points that are too pat, and the ending feels rather Bollywood-inspired. The motives of the villains are also hazy at best. Are they ideology-driven? Are they simply a frustrated lot? What is their end goal?

Still, this is addictive and good, careening fun. Quite the weekend binge if you want to convince yourself that Monday is still far away.

Suranne Jones and Julie Delpy.

Fiona Shaw and Emma Mackey as mother and daughter.

A lukewarm essay on mother-daughter relationships

PRANATI A S

★★☆☆☆

Hot Milk

English (Mubi)

Director: Rebecca Lenkiewicz

Cast: Emma Mackey, Fiona Shaw, Vicky Krieps, Vincent Perez

Touted as one of the must-watch films on this year's film festival circuit, 'Hot Milk' fails to impress. It premiered at the Berlin International Film Festival in February this year, competing for the Golden Bear.

Directed by Rebecca Lenkiewicz, 'Hot Milk' explores the relationship between an attention-seeking Rose (a brilliant Fiona Shaw) and her daughter Sofia (Emma Mackey), who is frustrated with her mother's tantrums. Rose hasn't walked since Sophia was four. Doctors believe her condition is psychosomatic, but Rose stubbornly refuses to accept this and avoids confronting her trauma from the past. So on her road to recovery, she drifts from doctor to doctor.

On yet another healing journey, Sofia is forced to take a break from her anthropology studies to accompany her mother to Spain. In a beautiful beachside house, complete with an annoying neighbour, Sofia tries to make the most of her 'vacation'. She swims among poisonous jellyfish, and has a toxic fling with a seductive Ingrid (Vicky Krieps). Sofia's frustration — with her irritating wheelchair-bound mother and Ingrid's fluid relationships — is noticeable, although she tries to maintain a calm exterior.

There is something universal and relatable about mother-daughter stories. There is enough meat to chew on in the film's plot but the director fails to capitalise on the emotions, especially Sofia's personal journey. Despite some fine performances, 'Hot Milk' is not the best portrayal of modern mother-daughter relationships.

Having said that, might I suggest some of the better mother-daughter relationships explored on screen in the recent past? 'Little Loves', a Spanish-French drama that was on last year's festival circuit, was both relatable and a fun watch. So were the Indian indies, 'Goldfish' (2022) and 'Girls Will Be Girls' (2024). Also, let's not forget the surrealistic 'Petite Maman' (2021).

IN BRIEF

Kiran brace powers Kickstart FC

▸ Kiran Pisda scored a brace as Kickstart FC defeated Kemp FC 4-2 in the Karnataka Women's League game at the Bangalore Football Stadium on Friday, reports DHNS.

Results: Pass FC: 2 (Tanvi Savarkar 35th, Amrita Sharma 90th) bt Maatru Pratishtana FC: 0; Kickstart FC: 4 (Kajol D'Souza 8th, Kiran Pisda 25th, 88th, Aarushi Santhosh 54th) bt Kemp FC: 2 (Rivka Ramji 34th, Neha Mukati 90+2).

Spinner Gouher retires

▸ India woman left-arm spinner Gouher Sultana has retired from all forms of cricket, saying it has been "greatest honour" to represent the country at the highest level of the game, reports PTI from New Delhi.

The 37-year-old Sultana played 50 ODIs and 37 T20Is for India after making her debut in 2008. She last represented the country in April 2014.

Sultana, however, made a successful comeback in the 2024 and 2025 Women's Premier League seasons, representing UP Warriorz.

Three more join national camp

▸ Anwar Ali, Naorem Mahesh Singh and Jeakson Singh Thounaojam joined the national camp for the CAFA Nations Cup on Friday, reports DHNS.

The East Bengal trio joined the national camp their Durand Cup semifinal loss on Wednesday.

"Anwar Ali, Naorem Mahesh Singh, and Jeakson Singh Thounaojam have joined the Indian senior men's national team squad ahead of their CAFA Nations Cup 2025 campaign today," the All India Football Federation (AIFF) said on Friday.

India two good for Bangla

▸ A dominant India scored once in each half to blank Bangladesh 2-0 and record their second straight win in the SAFF U-17 Women's Championships in Thimphu on Friday, reports PTI.

Iyer emerges winner in All India Chess Masters

MUMBAI, PTI: Arvind Iyer has been crowned champion of the All India Chess Masters Mumbai FIDE Classical Tournament after finishing with seven points in eight rounds to edge out Darsh Shetty in a strong competition.

In fact, both Iyer and Shetty finished with seven points each but the former won the championship on super Buchholz tie-breaks.

Shetty finished as the runner-up position while the third position was claimed by International Master Vikramaditya Kulkarni, who accumulated 6.5 points.

The winner received a cash prize of Rs 40,000.

In women's category, Woman Candidate Master Kriti Mayur Patel was adjudged as the Best Player, followed by Reya Banker and Pradeepa Jayapal who secured second and third place respectively.

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CRICKET

Maharaja Trophy: Hubli Tigers vs Mysore Warriors **(3:15 pm)**, Bengaluru Blasters vs Gulbarga Mystics, **(7:15 pm)**. **LIVE** on **FanCode.**

FOOTBALL

EPL: Manchester City vs Tottenham **(5:00 pm)**; Bournemouth vs Wolves, Brentford vs Aston Villa, Burnley vs Sunderland **(all 7:30 pm)**; Arsenal vs Leeds **(10:00 pm)**. **LIVE** on **Star Sports Network, JioHotstar.**

La Liga: Mallorca vs Celta Vigo **(8:30 pm)**, Atletico Madrid vs Elche **(11:00 pm)**, Levante vs Barcelona **(1:00 am, Sunday)**. **LIVE** on **FanCode.**

CRICKET WOMEN'S ODI WORLD CUP

Chinnaswamy replaced by DY Patil

With City cops setting time-bound safety guidelines, matches moved to Mumbai

The Chinnaswamy Stadium lost the hosting rights for the upcoming Women's ODI World Cup matches. DH PHOTO/ PUSHKAR V

SIDNEY KIRAN
BENGALURU, DHNS

The Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru expectedly lost the hosting rights for the upcoming Women's ODI World Cup matches after authorities concerned failed to secure the required administrative and security clearances, with the International Cricket Council naming DY Patil Stadium in Navi Mumbai as the replacement.

Chinnaswamy Stadium's status to stage its quota of the marquee event's matches -- which included the tournament opener on September 30, a semifinal and potentially the final on November 2 if Pakistan didn't get that far -- looked uncertain following the tragic stampede on June 4. On that fateful day, 11 fans lost their lives during Royal Challengers Bengaluru's victory celebrations, which forced the under-fire State Government to form the Justice John Michael D'Cunha Commission to probe into the incident that attracted widespread condemnation.

Justice D'Cunha, following a detailed investigation, submitted a damning report, saying the Chinnaswamy Stadium, one of the iconic venues in the country, is unfit to host high-profile matches that will attract large crowds while also recommending a relocation of the stadium to a more spacious part of the City.

Following the incident, the City cops refused to give clearance to the local Karnataka State Cricket Association for hosting any matches with Justice D'Cunha's report acting as a catalyst. The ongoing Maharaja T20 Trophy was shifted to Mysuru while the stadium has been functioning without electricity since the tragedy.

For the World Cup matches the cops set time-bound stringent safety measures which were impossible to be met by the deadline.

As per the ICC guidelines, the host association needs to hand over the venue to the global governing body 30 days prior to the tournament's start, and with KSCA not in a position to meet the measures demanded by the police, Navi Mumbai became the beneficiary.

"While unforeseen circumstances required us to adjust the schedule and replace a venue, we are pleased to now have a line-up of five world-class venues that will showcase the very best of the women's game. The stage is set, and I am confident this tournament will capture imaginations and inspire a new generation of fans," said ICC president Jay Shah **(in pic)** in a statement on Friday.

"Navi Mumbai has emerged as a genuine home for women's cricket in recent years. The support it has received during international fixtures and the Women's Premier League has been remarkable, creating an atmosphere that elevates the players and inspires fans. I am certain that the same energy will define the big matches of the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup as it returns to India after 12 years," he added.

Navi Mumbai will host five matches, including a semifinal and final on November 30 if Pakistan don't advance to the title clash. If Pakistan qualify for the final, then irrespective of who the opposition is, the game will be held at the R Premadasa Stadium in Colombo. The Sri Lankan capital will also stage the India vs Pakistan affair on October 5 following a recent agreement between the two nations where they'll play their games in neutral venues when one of them is the host of ICC/ACC events. Pakistan will be camped in Colombo.

Apart from Navi Mumbai and Colombo, the other venues for the marquee event where hosts India will be chasing their maiden title are ACA Stadium in Guwahati, Holkar Stadium in Indore and ACA-VDCA Stadium in Visakhapatnam.

Measures that dealt a body blow

BENGALURU, DHNS

The Karnataka State Cricket Association's (KSCA) hopes of hosting ICC Women's World Cup matches at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium received a body blow after the police imposed 10 strict guidelines to be implemented at the venue.

The move comes in the wake of the recent stampede at the stadium during RCB's IPL victory celebrations on June 4.

Police confirmed that the department formally communicated the conditions to the KSCA on Tuesday, highlighting key concerns including crowd management, fire safety, and medical facilities.

The stadium had a narrow window of 15 days to comply with these directives and be re-evaluated for international match fitness. Following this, ICC decided to shift the matches DY Patil Stadium in Mumbai.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (Central) Akshay M Hakay stated, "the stadium does not have any holding area for the crowd, which forces people to wait on the footpaths and leads to congestion on the road. All three exits are narrow, and there is a critical lack of designated exit routes in case of an emergency."

KEY MESAURES SET BY CITY POLICE

- **Adequate parking,** holding area for the crowd, **space for queue management, ticket checking, and frisking**
- Sufficient width for entry and exit gates for smooth people flow
- **Space for TRIAGE center (emergency medical care)**
- Fulfillment of fire safety and fire audit requirements
- **Dedicated exit for people and emergency response teams**
- Safe assembly point for people to gather in case of untoward incidents
- **Food safety-related measures**
- CCTV cameras and Real-Time Crowd Flow Monitoring System

Tigers roar as Padikkal, Karthikeya shine

MYSURU, DHNS: Devdutt Padikkal and Karthikeya KP smashed half-centuries as the Hubli Tigers blew away the Gulbarga Mystics by eight wickets in Maharaja Trophy KSCA T20 here on Friday.

Padikkal (69, 47b) and Karthikeya (81 n.o., 48b) forged a pivotal 144-run partnership to steer the side home with ten balls to spare after Smaran R's (84 n.o., 48b) composed knock had taken the Mystics to 172/7.

The Tigers suffered a setback when Taha was trapped LBW by Pravin Dubey in the third over. However skipper Padikkal and Karthikeya were undeterred as they took the team to 49/1 by the end of the Powerplay. With a measured combination of strike rotation and boundaries, the pair went on to register a partnership of 144 runs in 89 balls.

In the day's second fixture, Tushar Singh's fighting 89 was overshadowed by an all-round Mangaluru Dragons as they clinched a thrilling five-run victory over the Shivamogga Lions.

Brief scores: Gulbarga Mystics: 172/7 in 20 overs (Smaran R 84 n.o.; Yashraj Punja 2-25) lt to Hubli Tigers: 173/2 in 18.2 overs (Devdutt Padikkal 69, Karthikeya KP 81 n.o.) by 8 wkts. Mangaluru Dragons: 200/5 in 20 overs (Lochan Gowda 63, Sharath BR 28, Aneesh KV 31, Macneil Noronha 33, S Shivaraj 28; Vidhwath Kaverappa 2-39, MB Darshan 2-38) bt Shivamogga Lions: 195/7 in 20 overs (Tushar Singh 89, Aneeshwar Gautam 35, Hardik Raj 32 n.o.; Kranthi Kumar 2-37).

Hubli Tigers' Karthikeya KP hits 81 n.o. against Gulbarga Mystics on Friday.

(From left) Siddhanth M, Satwik M, Mihika Udupa and Raashi V Rao pose with their spoils.

Satwik, Raashi win

BENGALURU, DHNS

Satwik M and Raashi V Rao scored straight-game wins to be crowned boys' and girls' under-15 champions respectively in the sixth State-ranking table tennis tournament at the T B Dam Sports Centre, Hospete, on Friday.

While Satwik had to break a lot of sweat in his gritty 11-9, 16-14, 12-10 win over Shriram Kiran in the boys' final, Raashi held her nerve at the crucial moments to complete a 11-9, 13-11, 11-8 triumph in the corresponding girls' title clash.

The under-13 finals were also near straightforward affairs with Siddhanth M and Mihika Udupa emerging champions.

Siddhanth overcame an opening game loss to defeat Arnav Mithun 7-11, 11-6, 11-5, 13-11.

On the other hand, Mihika eased to 11-8, 13-11, 11-5 win over Yuktha Harsha.

Results (all finals): Boys: U-15 singles: Satwik M bt Shriram Kiran 11-9, 16-14, 12-10.
U-13 singles: Siddhanth M bt Arnav Mithun 7-11, 11-6, 11-5, 13-11.
Girls: U-15 singles: Raashi V Rao bt Seeyana Maghie 11-9, 13-11, 11-8.
U-13 singles: Mihika Udupa bt Yuktha Harsha 11-8, 13-11, 11-5.

BCCI invites applications for two senior men's selectors

NEW DELHI, PTI

The BCCI on Friday invited applications to fill two vacancies in the five-member senior men's national selection committee, as well as four positions in the women's panel.

The eligibility criteria remained unchanged from previous years. Applicants must have played either a minimum of seven Test matches or 30 first-class games.

Alternatively, candidates with experience in at least 10 One Day Internationals (ODIs) and 20 first-class matches will also be considered.

"The contracts of selectors are renewed annually. We have not yet identified which selectors will be replaced, but that process will be undertaken soon," a BCCI official said.

The current men's selection committee, which recently picked the squads for next month's Asia Cup, is currently headed by former India pacer Ajit Agarkar and comprises SS Das, Subroto Banerjee, Ajay Ratra and S Sharath.

The Board also invited applications to fill the position of a member on the men's junior cricket selection committee, responsible for selecting age-group teams (up to Under-22) for camps, tours, and tournaments.

This role is likely to be that of the chief selector.

The BCCI has also opened applications for four positions on the women's national selection committee. The current panel comprises Neetu David (chairperson), Renu Margrate, Arati Vaidya, Kalpana Venkatachar and Shyama Dey Shaw.

It is reliably learnt that Shaw is the only one who will be retained in the committee.

On Tuesday, the panel met to pick the squad for the ODI World Cup at home, starting next month.

The last date to submit all applications is September 10.

Sharath to take over as Jr committee chairman?

Former Tamil Nadu batter S Sharath is set to move from senior to the junior selection committee of the BCCI, replacing chairman Thilak Naidu, reports PTI.

Former Karnataka stumper Naidu, who has been at the helm for less than three years, is expected to vacate his position as the BCCI looks for one post in the junior selection panel. The other members of the panel are Krishan Mohan, Ranadeb Bose, Pathik Patel and HS Sodhi.

What has prompted the changes in the junior committee before the completion of the full tenure remains unclear.

Elavenil strikes 10m air rifle gold

SHYMKENT (KAZAKHSTAN), PTI

Indian shooter Elavenil Valarivan clinched the gold medal in the women's 10m air rifle competition of the 16th Asian Championships here on Friday with a characteristically composed performance in the final.

Elavenil Valarivan.

The 26-year-old from Tamil Nadu, who has won multiple gold medals in World Cups, shot a score of 253.6 to finish on top in the final and claim her second gold in the continental showpiece, the first coming way back in 2019 when she was honing her skills under the tutelage of Olympic medallist shooter Gagan Narang at his Gun for Glory Academy.

The silver went to China's Xinlu Peng with a score of 253, while Korea's Eunji Kwon (231.2) took home the bronze.

Juniors dominate

Harmehar Singh Lally combined with Yashasvi Rathore to win the gold medal in the junior skeet mixed team competition, defeating Kazakhstan's Maxim Pochivalov and Lidiya Basharova 39-36 in the contest for the top prize.

The trio of Shambhavi Shravan, Hrudya Shri Kondur and Isha Anil won the gold medal in the team gold in the women's junior 10m air rifle competition with a combined total of 1896.2, which is a junior world and Asian record.

The teams from China and South Korea bagged the silver and bronze respectively.

In the individual final, however, Shambhavi finished fifth with 186.3.

Breetzke, Ngidi star in crushing win

MACKAY (AUSTRALIA), AFP

Matthew Breetzke slammed a superb 88 and speedster Lungi Ngidi claimed five wickets as South Africa crushed Australia by 84 runs to win the second ODI and the series in Mackay on Friday.

The Proteas took out the opening game by a thumping 98 runs, making the third and final match on Sunday a dead rubber.

World champions Australia have now lost the past five ODI series against South Africa, with their batsmen again failing to fire.

After skipper Aiden Markham won the toss and opted to bat, Breetzke crunched eight fours and two sixes to continue his top form since making his debut this year.

South Africa's Lungi Ngidi (left) celebrates after dismissing Australia's Adam Zampa in the second ODI on Friday. AFP

He has posted a century and three half-centuries in his first four ODIs.

Tristan Stubbs was also impressive in making 74 before they were dismissed in the final over for 277, with Adam Zampa taking 3-63 and Cameron Green holding four catches.

Josh Inglis blitzed 87 in Australia's reply, but no one else rose to the occasion and they were dismissed for 193 in the 38th over. Ngidi ended with 5-42.

"It's a great feeling, of course, never an easy feat coming to Australia and wrapping up the series in two games," said Markham. South Africa rattled Australia early despite being without off-spinner Prenelan Subrayen, who was cited for a suspect action during the first game, and injured pace spearhead Kagiso Rabada.

Brief scores: South Africa: 277 all out in 49.1 overs (Tony de Zorzi 38, Matthew Breetzke 88, Tristan Stubbs 74, Wian Mulder 26; Xavier Bartlett 2-45, Nathan Ellis 2-46, Adam Zampa 3-63, Marnus Labuschange 2-19) bt Australia: 193 all out in 37.4 overs (Cameron Green 35, Josh Inglis 87; Nandre Burger 2-23, Lungi Ngidi 5-42, Senuran Muthuswamy 2-30).
Result: South Africa won by 84 runs.
Series: South Africa lead three-match series 2-0.
Third ODI: Aug 24 (Mackay).

PKL makes format changes for Season 12

MUMBAI, PTI: The Pro Kabaddi League (PKL) on Friday announced significant format changes for Season 12 starting August 29, introducing an enhanced league stage and revamped playoff structure designed to intensify competition and provide fans with more thrilling action.

The upcoming season will travel to Vishakhpatnam, Jaipur, Chennai and Delhi, bringing the PKL experience closer to fans deeper in the country.

The upcoming season will feature an exciting league stage with 108 matches, where each team will play 18 matches. PKL Season 12 will introduce a comprehensive tie-breaker.

Kajal wins gold; Shruti, Saarika impress

SAMOKOV, BULGARIA

Young wrestler Kajal won the second gold at the U20 World Championships while Shruti and Saarika grabbed bronze medals, helping India secure runner-up trophy in the women's event, here Friday.

Kajal, the 2024 Cadet world champion and reigning U20 Asian champion, battle past China's Yuqi Liu 8-6 in a stiff 72kg final. Also cashing on the medal opportunities were Shruti (50kg) and Saarika (53kg).

Shruti was in complete control in the bronze play-off against Germany's Josephine Wrensch, winning 6-0, and Saarika too was impressive, winning by technical superiority (11-0) against Poland's Ilona Valchuk.

Kajal. X

India's first gold medal in women's event had come through Tapasya while Reena (55kg), Srishti (68kg), and Priya (76kg) had won silver medals.

The women's team won the runner-up trophy behind powerhouse Japan after securing a total of seven medals.

Adding to India's medal tally was Suraj (60kg), who prevailed over French wrestler Lucas Grassso 1-1 to grab the bronze in the Greco Roman style.

Prince (82kg), though, could not utilise the opportunity. He lost by technical superiority to Japan's Taizo Yoshida.

Anuj (67kg) and Naman (97kg), though, bowed out early in the day after losing their qualification rounds.

Anuj lost his bout by technical superiority (0-9) to China's Zhaoyan Liu while Naman was ousted by Croatia's Andrej Rodin. Liu later lost his quarterfinal by fall to shut the repechage door on the Indian.

Naman lost his pre-quarterfinal 1-2 to Rodin to make an exit as the Croat failed to advance to the title clash.

The Azerbaijani wrestler qualified for the final, and the Indian got a repechage bout.

Heena Kang

Heena holds her nerve to post maiden win

BENGALURU, DHNS: Heena Kang, who was four shots ahead with eight holes left, did well to keep her nerves in check to par the last eight holes and win the 11h leg of the Hero Women's Pro Golf Tour at the Prestige Golfshire.

Heena, who was fifth on her pro debut last month, was chased hard by amateur Lavanya Gupta, who was playing in the same final group. Heena shot two-over 74 to edge out Lavanya (73) by one shot after totalling 218.

Lavanya, who started the final day two shots behind Heena, had fallen five behind as she was 4-over by the turn. And then there was a great charge from Lavanya, who birdied the 11th, 14th and the 16th. Needing one more birdie to force a play-off, Lavanya finished par-par as Heena completed a nervous win.

A bogey for Lavanya on the eighth and a birdie for Heena on the ninth meant the latter was now four ahead.

Things changed fast on the back nine as Lavanya fought hard, but Heena held her own and made no mistakes after the bogey on the 11th, where Lavanya had also given away a shot.

Leading scores (after 54 holes, A denotes amateur): 218: Heena Kang (72, 72, 74); **219:** Lavanya Gupta (A, 74, 72, 73); **221:** Ananya Garg (76, 74, 71); **222:** Jasmine Shekar (75, 70, 77).

Back-to-back wins for in-for Sandhu

BENGALURU, DHNS: Yuvraj Sandhu battled hard to prevail over Olympian Udayan Mane in a marathon playoff that lasted five extra holes to win the PGTI Players' Championship 2025 played at the Clover Greens Golf Course and Resort near Hosur.

Both Yuvraj, the overnight leader by three shots and Udayan, who was overnight second, ended the regulation 72 holes with the same totals of 28-under 256 that pushed into a dramatic playoff.

The 28-year-old (63-67-61-65), also the winner in Mysuru last week, thus registered back-to-back titles and took a commanding lead in the PGTI Order of Merit after picking up the winning cheque worth INR 15 lakh.

The Pune-based professional Udayan Mane (67-65-62-62), a 12-time winner and former PGTI Order of Merit champion who was looking to end a four-year-long victory drought, fired a second straight nine-under 62 on Friday to force a playoff. Udayan's runner-up cheque worth Rs 10 lakh pushed him up two spots to fourth position in the PGTI's money list.

Delhi's Kshitij Naveed Kaul (68-67-64-66) delivered a 66 in the last round to claim the third spot at 19-under 265.

Eighteen-year-old Veer Ganapathy (65) of Bengaluru won the trophy for the best performance by an amateur as he ended tied fourth at a total of 17-under 267.

Scores (after 72 holes, A denotes amateur): 256: Yuvraj Sandhu (63, 67, 61, 65); 256: Udayan Mane (67, 65, 62, 62); 265: Kshitij Naveed Kaul (68, 67, 64, 66); 267: Shaurya Bhattacharya (64, 71, 67, 65), 267: Veer Ganapathy (A, 66, 73, 63, 65).

Yuvraj Sandhu (centre) poses with his spoil.

TENNIS US OPEN

Rusty but rested Djokovic eyes elusive 25th Slam

The Serb will eye to upstage Alcaraz and Sinner who now have the last seven slams

NEW YORK, AFP

Novak Djokovic hopes a selective approach to his scheduling will give him the best chance to win the US Open in his unrelenting pursuit of a record 25th Grand Slam.

The 38-year-old Djokovic has not played since a comprehensive semifinal defeat by Jannik Sinner at Wimbledon last month, skipping the two main US Open warm-up events in Toronto and Cincinnati.

He briefly returned to court on Tuesday for the revamped mixed doubles in New York but lasted just 43 minutes as he and partner Olga Danilovic crashed out in the first round.

A four-time US Open champion, Djokovic suffered his earliest Grand Slam exit since 2017 when he lost to Australia's Alexei Popyrin in the third round of last year's tournament.

He won his 100th ATP title in Geneva this May on the eve of the French Open but found his path blocked by Sinner at both Roland Garros and Wimbledon.

Djokovic has reached the final just once at the last seven majors since equalling Margaret Court's record of 24 Grand Slam singles titles at the 2023 US Open.

Sinner and Carlos Alcaraz have combined to sweep every ensuing Grand Slam, leaving Djokovic on the outside looking in and with time working against him in his bid for history.

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"I think, regardless of the fact that I haven't won a Grand Slam this year, or last year, I still feel like I continue to play my best tennis at Grand Slams," Djokovic said after his Wimbledon loss.

"Those are the tournaments that I care about at this stage of my career the most."

But he has twice been compromised by injury this year in a Grand Slam semifinal.

A hamstring tear forced him to retire against Alexander Zverev at the Australian Open before a hip and thigh issue hampered him in London.

"It's just age, the wear and tear of the body. As much as I'm taking care of it, the reality hits me right now, last year and a half, like never before, to be honest," said Djokovic.

Sabalenka charged up after learning 'tough lessons'

NEW YORK, AFP: World No. 1 Aryna Sabalenka **(in pic)** believes she is ready to hit her peak as she prepares to launch the defence of her US Open crown after a tumultuous season of near-misses.

The 27-year-old from Belarus arrives at Flushing Meadows sitting on top of the global rankings despite a year in which she has failed to add to her tally of three Grand Slam singles titles.

Agonising defeats in the finals of the Australian and French Opens, followed by a semifinal exit at Wimbledon, have left Sabalenka even more determined to retain her crown in New York, a tournament she regards as her favourite Grand Slam.

Sabalenka took a lengthy break after her Wimbledon disappointment, opting to skip the WTA Montreal tournament in order to recharge.

Although her return at the Cincinnati Open ended in a straight sets defeat to Elena Rybakina in the quarterfinals, a relaxed Sabalenka says she is in a positive mood heading to New York.

"I've had a pretty good season so far in the Slams."

In a relief for ISL, SC permits talks between AIFF & FSDL

Imbroglio has left future of premier event uncertain

VIGNESH BHARADWAJ
BENGALURU, DHNS

The Supreme Court on Friday directed the All India Football Federation (AIFF) and the Football Sports Development Limited (FSDL), the Indian Super League's organisers to come together and find a solution regarding the Master Rights Agreement (MRA), preferably within a week.

The special bench comprising Justice Sri PS Narasimha and Justice Joymalya Bagchi have set August 28 for the next court hearing. For the unversed, the Supreme Court on Monday had agreed to hear the matter involving a row between the AIFF and FSDL that has left the future of Indian Super League uncertain and put over 5000 jobs in jeopardy.

The AIFF has also been under severe pressure from the clubs with them stating they could face the possibility of shutting down if the ongoing impasse does not get resolved.

The footballing governing body had stated that the pending judgement on the constitution case was the reason there were no further negotiations.

However, sources have said that the FSDL had conveyed their disagreement to AIFF's counter proposal before the Supreme Court came into picture and directed the AIFF to halt further negotiations.

Sources also said that both parties were not on the same page due to the financial dividends and the operational model of the tournament.

"We want to create a structure that aligns everyone's incentives and that's what we have proposed. The ISL will be run by an entity, jointly run by clubs, AIFF and the FSDL. All parties will gain if it does well and everyone funds it if the league runs into a loss," the source said.

Talking about the decade-long moratorium on the promotion and relegation mandate, "we are not against promotion and relegation. We are against premature promotion and relegation."

With the Supreme Court now handing green light for negotiations, it remains to be seen if both the parties would come to an agreement with concerns and fear regarding the future of Indian football continues to deepen.

However, AIFF chief Kalyan Chaubey has responded positively to the court's suggestion.

Legendary Abbas not to travel to India

NEW DELHI, PTI: Pakistan's legendary drag-flicker Sohail Abbas, who is Malaysia's assistant coach, has decided against travelling with the hockey team for Asia Cup in India but insisted that his decision is unrelated to the Pakistani team's absence from the tournament.

The Asia Cup will be held in Rajgir, Bihar from August 29 to September 7. The competition offers a direct qualification spot for next year's World Cup, scheduled in the Netherlands and Belgium.

Sevian holds Praggu; Gukesh settles for draw

ST LOUIS (US), PTI: Indian Grandmaster R Praggnanadhaa **(in pic)** was held to an easy draw by Samuel Sevian of the United States while World Champion D Gukesh signed peace with Maxime Vachier-Lagrave of France in the fourth round of the Sinquefield Cup here.

Fabiano Caruana of the United States scored his second victory in as many days, defeating Nodirbek Abdusattorov of Uzbekistan in the lone decisive game of the day.

In the other games, Levon Aronian of the United States drew with Duda Jan-Krzysztof of Poland and French Alireza Firouzja split the point with Wesley So.

With five rounds left, Caruana shot into sole lead on three points from four games and is followed by Praggnanandhaa

Results (Round 4): D Gukesh (Ind, 2) drew with Maxime Vachier-Lagrave (Fra, 2); R Praggnanandhaa (Ind, 2.5) drew with Sameul Sevian (US, 2); Nodirbek Abdusattorov (Uzb, 0.5) lt to Fabiano Caruana (US, 3); Wesley So (US, 2) drew with Alireza Firouzja (Fra, 2); Levon Aronian (US, 2.5) drew with Duda Jan Krzysztof (Pol, 1.5).

Karnataka clinch 4x400 mixed relay gold

CHENNAI, PTI

Karnataka upstaged their rivals to leap to a gold medal in the mixed 4x400m relay in the National Inter-State Senior Athletics Championships with three medals on the opening day at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Chennai on Friday.

Karnataka finished the race in (3:21.49s), followed by Punjab (3:22.95s) and Tamil Nadu (3:23.73s).

Kerala triple jumper Karthik Unnikrishnan won the gold medal in the men's triple jump event. The 32-year-old Karthik, who won a silver in the World Athletics Continental Tour bronze level event in Bhubaneswar earlier this month, produced a season's best effort of 16.44m in his sixth and final attempt to bag the top prize on a rain-marred day at the JLN Stadium.

Another Kerala jumper Abdulla Aboobacker was second with 16.37m while national record holder Praveen Chithravel took the bronze with an effort of 16.35m.

The 24-year-old Chithravel, whose national record stands at 17.37m, has already qualified for next month's World Championships in Tokyo after breaching the automatic entry standard of 17.22m. He won a bronze in the Hangzhou Asian Games in 2023 and a silver in the Asian Championships in South Korea in May this year.

The 29-year-old Aboobacker, who won a silver in the 2022 Commonwealth Games.

In the men's 110m hurdles, Maharashtra's national record holder Tejas Shirse won gold with a time of 13.60 seconds, while Manav R (14.03 seconds) of Tamil Nadu and Muhammed Lazan (14.08 seconds) of Kerala were second and third respectively.

Karnataka's 4x400 mixed relay team that won the gold at the National Inter-State Senior Athletics Championships.

Results: Men: 110m hurdles: Tejas Shirse (Mah) 13.60s, 1; Manav R (TN) 14.03, 2; Muhammed Lazan (Ker), 14.08, 3.
5000m race: Abhishek (UP) 15:00.83, 1; Kiran Matre (Mah) 15:01.88, 2; Rahul (Har) 15:07.71, 3.
Hammer throw: Damneet (Pun) 69.25m, 1; Praveen Kumar (Raj) 64.08m, 2, Gaurav (Har) 63.86m, 3.
20000m walk race: Bilin George Anto (Ker) 1:29:35.12s, 1; Mukesh Nitharwal (Raj) 1:30:35.63 2; Khangembam (Mpr) 1:30:39.24 3.
Triple jump: Karthik U (Ker) 16.44m, 1; Abdulla Aboobacker (Ker) 16.37m, 2; Praveen Chithravel (TN) 16.35m, 3.
4x100m relay: Odisha 39.52 (NMR, Old NR 39.88), 1; Tamil Nadu 39.80, 2; Kerala 40.55, 3.
Mixed 4x400m relay: Karnataka 3:21.49, 1; Punjab 3:22.95, 2; Tamil Nadu 3:23.73, 3.
Women: 20000 walk race: Ravina (Har) 1:35:13.49, 1; Payal (Utk) 1:40:29.94, 2; Mokavi Muthurathina (TN) 1:41:34.72, 3.
100m hurdles: Moumita Mondal (Ben) 13.22, 1; Nandini K (Tamil Nadu) 13.45, 2; Anjali C (Ker) 13.68, 3.
4x100m relay: Tamil Nadu 44.73 seconds (NMR, Old MR 45.40s), 1; Karnataka 45.34, 2; Kerala 46.54, 3.

AFI's foreign coach blasts 400m runners, coaches

AFI's 400m foreign coach Jason Dawson had one of his biggest moments since taking over from Russian Galina Bukharina in 2023 as his athlete Vishal TK broke the national record with a splendid timing of 45.12 seconds during the ongoing National Inter-State Championships in Chennai, reports Aditya K Halder.

Turns out the Jamaican was waiting for such a moment to burst out his frustration that has built inside him since reports surfaced that some of the runners were not happy.

Such was their displeasure that they weren't willing to train with him and preferred moving out of the camp. Dawson opened up on the saga while praising Vishal.

"What Vishal brings to the table, it has been something I have been asking of other athletes: Honesty (and) dedication. If you have that, you have possibility of going worldwide and achieving. But you can't come and try to trick the coach and the programme..No matter who you are, you are here to defend India. Don't let your ego get in the way, that's all I was asking," vented out the coach after Vishal's NR show.

The 400m national camp, which is among the two camps run by AFI, is currently underway in National Centre of Excellence, Thiruvananthapuram under the Jamaican.

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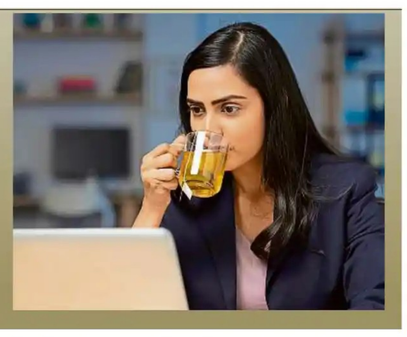

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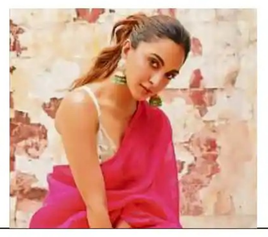

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Show Buzz | Pragati Nagpal

'I love to take on challenges and experiment with my craft...'

It has been quite a thrilling ride. As an artiste, I'm growing, evolving, learning and continuing to rise each day

Singing sensation Pragati Nagpal is turning heads and pods, Netting unbelievable fandom following the success of her song 'Useless Bhawra' and 'Pehla Nasha 2.0' with Armaan Malik (it has over three million streams!), she has now released her new romantic song 'Chadeya'.

Shilpi Madan caught up with her for this chat.

How has your journey been so far as an artiste?
It has been quite a thrilling ride. As an artiste, I'm growing, evolving, learning and continuing to rise each day. Every opportunity is opening new doors for me, and I'm thankful for the immense support I've received from the audience. It's helping me step out of my comfort zone and push my limits.

What makes you tick - acting or singing?
Currently, I want to focus on exploring the singer in me... but you know what they say - never say never! If an acting opportunity knocks on my door, I'd love to step into that space too.

How important is social media as a tool to build your brand equity and connect with fans?
Social media is just as important as any other aspect of my career. It's the easiest and quickest way to connect with my audience and grow as an artist. I regularly receive messages and DMs from listeners - whether it's feedback, praise or even constructive criticism - I take it all in my stride and use it to gain a deeper understanding of my work.

I love to take on challenges and experiment with my craft. I am also writing and composing songs, which is absolute fun, and a wonderfully creative process

Has 'Useless Bhawra' been the biggest turning point in your career?
Yes, it has been a crucial moment in my journey. It introduced me to a wider audience and gave people a glimpse of my potential as a singer. Regardless of the song's fate, it marked the beginning of my connection with listeners and that's what truly matters.

What's your biggest challenge?
I love to take on challenges and experiment with my craft. I am also writing and composing songs, which is absolute fun, and a wonderfully creative process. As a beginner, I always ended up making the same melodies or writing around the same words and situations - a big challenge for me in terms of monotony. I am trying my best to give the best songs to the people who love my music.

How was the experience of working with Armaan Malik in 'Pehla Nasha 2.0'?
Working with Armaan Malik was an enriching experience that I'll always cherish. The way he approaches music has inspired me to look at it through a broader lens. Collaborating with him on 'Pehla Nasha 2.0' brought me even closer to my craft, and I'm grateful for that.

How did you come up with the concept of 'Chadeya'?
I wanted to offer something refreshing, light-hearted, and filled with love. Love is a universal feeling that unites us all, and I believe there is no better way to connect with Gen Z than by helping them feel the beauty of love through a unique lens.

When did the thought germinate?
I always try to work with different producers to be able to get different soundscapes and work on different genres for each song. I have been listening to Showkidd's content since long and wanted to sit and jam over a few ideas. We sat and I heard the song, and that's how 'Chadeya' was made, beautifully written by Diljan. The whole idea behind 'Chadeya' is to be able to confess your love with no fear, and just honesty.

How has the response been?
The response has been overwhelming, and I'm filled with gratitude. I'm glad I could connect with my audience through 'Chadeya', and that they could feel the energy behind it. That was the goal - and going by the reaction, I feel the purpose has been fulfilled.

What's next?
Next, I am experimenting with different genres and along with that working on my live set, gearing up to entertain my audience this season with great music. I am also working on my first film which I am very excited about.

Where do you see yourself five years from now?
Making more music, learning more and working on my craft. I want to perform in front of thousands of people who know my songs by heart, and they love and respect my music, because that's what matters the most for an artist and that's what keeps you going!

What has been your biggest learning in life?
No matter what happens, nothing is more important than continuing to move forward. I celebrate my achievements and rise above setbacks. I try not to hold on to anything for too long. Staying in motion has helped me grow, and that's the most valuable lesson of all.

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Gunasheela Fertility Centre to host conference on IVF, genetics and endocrine health

Gunasheela Fertility Centre, a name synonymous with excellence in reproductive medicine, is set to host a landmark medical conference that will bring together some of the brightest minds in fertility, genetics and endocrinology. The conference, to be held in Bengaluru, will serve as a platform to share breakthroughs in assisted reproductive technologies, explore the future of genetic testing and strengthen collaboration between clinicians, embryologists and researchers.

For 50 milestone years, Gunasheela Fertility Centre has been at the forefront of fertility care in India, carrying forward a rich legacy of scientific innovation and patient-centric treatment. With this conference, the institution is taking yet another step toward shaping the future of reproductive health in the country.

"The world of fertility medicine is evolving rapidly," says Dr Devika Gunasheela, a leading fertility specialist and conference chair. "Today, we have the ability not only to help couples conceive but also to ensure healthier outcomes through advanced genetic and endocrine approaches. This conference is about empowering doctors with knowledge that can truly transform patient care."

The conference will cover a wide spectrum of topics, from advancements in IVF and embryo selection to the crucial role of endocrinology in fertility management. Specialists in preimplantation genetic testing (PGT) will share insights into identifying monogenic disorders and chromosomal abnormalities, offering hope to families with inherited genetic conditions.

According to Dr Devika Gunasheela, such conversations are critical at a time when fertility treatment is not just about conception, but about the lifelong health and well-being of the child. "When science and compassion come together, we don't just create families - we create healthier generations," she explains.

What sets this conference apart is its focus on collaboration. Doctors, geneticists, embryologists and researchers will be able to interact, share experiences and learn from both global and Indian experts. This exchange of knowledge is expected to inspire new clinical practices and strengthen the way reproductive health is delivered across the country.

Dr Devika Gunasheela
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"For us at Gunasheela Fertility Centre, this is more than an academic event," adds Dr Devika. "It is a celebration of progress, of community, and of the commitment we all share towards giving couples the best possible chance at parenthood."

Dr Devika Gunasheela answers some FAQs

Who should attend this conference?
Gynaecologists, embryologists, endocrinologists, post-graduate students and anyone interested in the future of reproductive medicine. It's a platform to learn, share and connect.

What makes this conference unique?
It's not just about lectures - it's about dialogue. We are bringing together global experts and local practitioners to share their valuable insights while also addressing challenges we face in India.

What will the conference cover?
Everything from ovarian biology and fertility preservation to endocrine health, PCOS, and the latest advances in IVF. Each session has been carefully curated to provide real value.

Why is collaboration so important?
Reproductive medicine is constantly evolving. No single clinic, doctor or researcher can have all the answers. Collaboration, both nationally and internationally, is what drives meaningful progress.

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WRIST PAIN & TFCC TEARS

A Special article on the occasion of **National Hand Surgery Day**

Can you imagine a day without your hands? No typing, cooking, writing, or even holding a loved one's hand. Our hands make everyday miracles possible, yet injuries or ailments can cause serious disability and dependence.

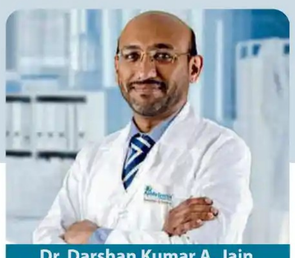
On National Hand Surgery Day, we honor their vital role in life and the medical specialty dedicated to their care. Hand surgery in India has evolved for over five decades, led by pioneers and institutions. What began as a modest Hand Club in 1973 grew into the Indian Society for Surgery of the Hand (ISSH), officially registered on August 23, 1973, in Mumbai. In 2021, this date was declared National Hand Surgery Day to spread awareness, encourage timely treatment, and highlight the importance of rehabilitation.

A trained hand surgeon routinely treats ailments caused by modern day repetitive strain, such as constant use of heavy smartphones, prolonged typing that leads to nerve compressions, soft tissue inflammations in and around hand and wrist. In addition, ailments due to poor ergonomics of a sedentary lifestyle, to common upper limb fractures seen in both the young and the elderly, particularly those with osteoporotic bones are looked after. At the more complex end of the spectrum, hand surgeons are trained to manage limb-threatening injuries involving microscopic repairs of blood vessels and nerves to save an amputated part of limb or limb itself.

With time, technological advancements have allowed hand surgery to evolve into a field engineered to perform precise reconstructions of inside-the-joint injuries employing 'arthroscopy techniques', popularly known as "keyhole surgeries." These procedures allow precise fixation of fractures and dislocations, with repair/reconstruction of ligaments within the joint under direct visualization using a mini-telescope inserted through tiny surgical incisions (<2mm in size). One of the commonest indications for this procedure is the repair of TFCC ligament of the wrist. This small but intricate and complex ligamentous structure when injured results in pain in the inner aspect of the wrist and generally the injury is by twisting or fall on an outstretched hand. This could be persistently painful to the patients while performing activities involving twisting, rotatory motion or something as simple as opening a lid of a jar and may at times, make the joint unstable when severely injured. Prompt diagnosis and early intervention results in favorable outcomes and these minimally invasive techniques results in lower pain and risk of infection, with minimal scarring, thus enabling faster recovery of the patient.

TFCC injuries can be treated with plasters and rehab, if the injury is severe then wrist arthroscopy can be performed to repair. Another interesting aspect of these surgeries are that it can be treated as day care procedures with insurance coverage in some of the centers.

Apollo Spectra Hospital – Koramangala, is among the few centers in the country with specialized expertise in hand and wrist surgeries, which can be done as daycare procedure. The surgeons here are equipped with ultra-high-definition microscopes and cutting-edge devices, enabling them to perform arthroscopic surgeries with unparalleled accuracy. These advanced tools allow for minimally invasive procedures, promoting faster recovery and better outcomes for patients.



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These teas are believed to confer many health benefits. They are said to relieve stress, boost immunity and strengthen digestion. Some herbs are known to contain vitamins and antioxidants. Using them daily in your tea will help you fight seasonal infections and stay healthy through these rainy days.

FOR BODY AND MIND

Herbal teas contain properties that help you beat stress and stay calm. They are believed to improve quality of sleep too. These teas are recommended for those with stressful work conditions. A break for a sip of herbal tea is a great remedy to recover from a hectic schedule.

Cuppa that cures!

Herbal tea is simple to make with the plants growing in your kitchen garden. **Jayanthi Madhukar** has some tips

Herbal teas have become the go-to drink for a large number of people who prefer a pick-me-up that isn't caffeine loaded – although a strong cup of coffee is always welcome! Instead of relying only on readymade herbal teas, we have prepared a list of easy-to-grow herbs which, when added to your tea brew, will infuse it with goodness. Check with your physician about having these teas for their goodness.

Basics of herbs

Herbs grow well in good potting mixture, preferably light sandy soil. If you have a garden, relegate a sunny corner for your herbs. Mix in compost or organic manure to the potting mixture before planting the herbs and medicinal plants. If you are planting the herbs in pots, ensure the drainage holes are clear and have stones at the base which will allow good drainage of the soil. Once the herbs grow, remember the adage - the more you cut, the more it will grow. Some herbs are best-harvested before they start to flower because after flowering the leaves lose their flavour and become slightly bitter.

Magic of mint

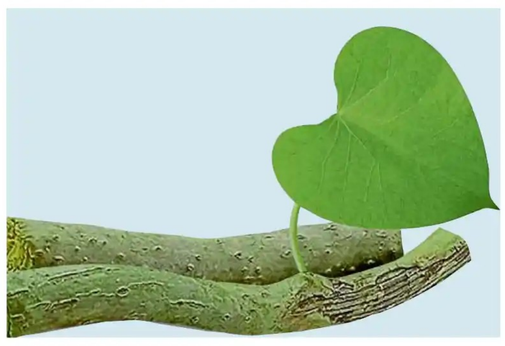
A good mint tea is ideally the best way to start your day. A small tin or pot is good for this fast-growing herb. Good potting mixture containing peat and organic-rich soil will do wonders for growing this hardy herb.

Pinch off or cut the leaves often to encourage bushy growth. Fertilise lightly occasionally and repot annually. If you are growing mint indoors, place the pot near a south-facing window. Check the plants regularly for aphid infestation.

Ajwain anytime

Ajwain leaves (4-5 leaves) steeped in boiled water will give a strong flavourful tea. Depending on how strong you prefer the flavour, steep for 5-10 minutes and add honey, lemon juice or grated ginger to the decoction. The health benefits of this tea are documented as relieving indigestion, cough and cold as well as boosting immunity.

Growing the plant is very easy as it requires just a healthy stem for propagation. It needs well-irrigated and drained soil and does well with regular pruning.



Goodness of giloy

Giloy (amrutha balli) is used extensively in Ayurvedic preparations. Giloy leaves infused tea is a healthy step in boosting immunity, regulating blood sugar and more. Keep in mind the tea is not a replacement for any prescribed medicines.

Usually, fresh leaves and tender stems are used to make the tea. Add 4-6 stems (and leaves) in two cups of water and bring to boil. Simmer the decoction for five minutes before straining the decoction into a cup. You could add tulasi, ginger or pepper and honey as well for enhanced flavour.

Growing the herb is simple and can be done with stem propagation. Prepare a pot with potting soil and compost, and plant a mature stem. Water the plant moderately and once the leaves start growing, keep the pot in a place that has partial sunlight. Since Giloy is a climber, ensure it has support for growing further.

Amaranth's glow

The vibrant globe-like purple flowers have health benefits as they are rich in antioxidants - supporting eye health and glowing skin. The dried flowers are used to make the tea. Hot water is poured into a kettle which has 3-5 dried flowers and the tea is allowed to steep for five minutes. Strain the liquid and add honey and lemon juice as flavour enhancers.

Growing globe amaranth is easy. This beautiful pollinator grows in full sunlight. Take a few dried flowers and sprinkle them in a pot filled with potting soil and organic compost. Water moderately and soon, the plants grow effortlessly. Watch for spider mite infestations but otherwise, the plant needs very little care. Pluck the dried flowers and store in a Ziplock bag.

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
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Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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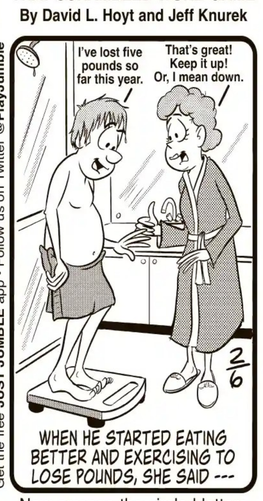
I've lost five pounds so far this year.
That's great! Keep it up! Or, I mean down.
WHEN HE STARTED EATING BETTER AND EXERCISING TO LOSE POUNDS, SHE SAID ---

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Ans. here: " " " "

Answers

GRIND CROOK PEWTER ENOUGH

When he started eating better and exercising to lose pounds, she said — "WEIGH" TO GO

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HITORI-110

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SOLUTION for HITORI-110

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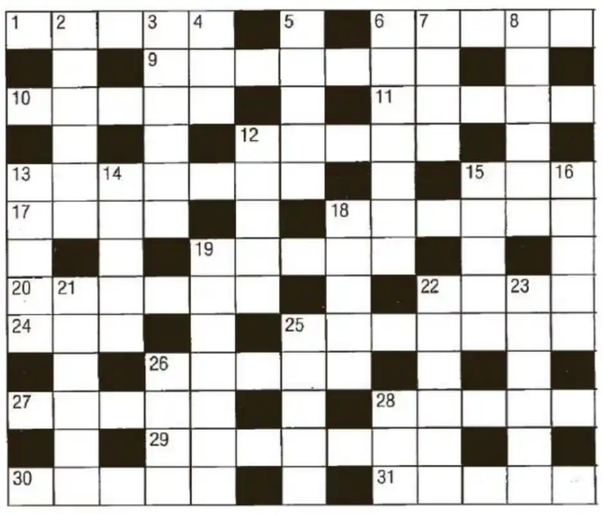
To solve the puzzle: Eliminate numbers by filling in squares so that remaining cells in that row or column do not repeat that number more than once. Filled-in cells cannot be horizontally or vertically adjacent. The un-filled cells must form a single component connected horizontally and vertically.

CROSSWORD CHALLENGE 111



EASY

ACROSS
1 Scum (5)
6 Treatise (5)
9 Relevant circumstances (7)
10 Race meeting (5)
11 Indicate (5)
12 Underneath (5)
13 Stuck (7)
15 Single (3)
17 Dregs (4)
18 Creatures (6)
19 Facial hair (5)
20 Young bird (6)
22 Yield (4)
24 Fish eggs (3)
25 Exhaust (7)
26 Condition (5)
27 Take unlawfully (5)
28 Hesitate (5)
29 Young hare (7)
30 Donkeys (5)
31 Informs (5)

DOWN
2 Dwell (6)
3 Gains a point (6)
4 Drunkard (3)
5 War-horse (5)
6 Revealed (7)
7 Store (4)
8 Canvas roof (6)
12 Brimless cap (5)
13 Change (5)
14 Border (5)
15 Beginning (5)
16 County (5)
18 Courageous (5)
19 Insects (7)
21 Main arteries (6)
22 Invent (6)
23 Maiden (6)
25 Freshwater mammal (5)
26 Offer of discounts (4)
28 Favourite (3)

CRYPTIC

ACROSS
1 The one question? (5)
6 It's a bit doubtful getting a jump start in a moment (5)
9 What a golfer aims to do for half an hour in a bad hotel (4,3)
10 Dark until changed (5)
11 Go up note by note? (5)
12 A questionable stinger in the end (5)
13 Peter's vendors (7)
15 Sound and smell (3)
17 As a try out, one could have tea on it (4)
18 Jam, yes, but not much butter (6)
19 Form untidy heaps (5)
20 Quick - what happened to Preston North End? (6)
22 Trio not sighted, as children know (4)
24 Turning his back, teacher takes a bit of a risk (3)
25 Nat rose to become a legislator (7)
26 Written by a misguided deputy, no union leader (5)
27 Should she use stronger elastic? (3-2)
28 All to give a child a name (5)
29 Bad man, but he may get the right result (7)
30 A man with a mole, maybe (5)
31 One team standing out from the rest? (5)

DOWN
2 Add to the difficulties of a female monarch (6)
3 Cold as we're told a foreign country is (6)
4 Like an emergency line on the house telephone initially? (3)
5 The old people seem'd upset (5)
6 In fairness, it's merely hard water (7)
7 Will it scratch away? (4)
8 Having no further capacity in one's occupation? (4,2)
12 This character, out of breath, wildly spread the word (2,3)
13 Measures to encourage climbers? (5)
14 Arkle, perhaps, historically famous in sport (5)
15 The custom of going to Southend a little? (5)
16 You need money to feed one (5)
18 Rushed out of the way with rapidity (5)
19 A supporter placed so as not to move (4,3)
21 Increasing abuse of gin, sir (6)
22 Does most studiously in the army? (6)
23 No great fighter in the cod war! (6)
25 At bottom, they support our MPs (5)
26 Tip right into a vessel (4)
28 Arrange to eat a meal (3)

SOLUTIONS TO CROSSWORD CHALLENGE 111

CRYPTIC
ACROSS: 1, Which 6, J-iffy 9, Hole-ou-t 10, Unlit 11, Scale 12, Death 13, Sellers 15, Hum 17,Tray 18, Scrape 19, Shape 20, Presto 22, Mice 24, Sir (rev.) 25, Senator 26,Typed 27, Pin-up 28, Tot-Al 29, R-ustler 30, A-gent 31, A-side.
DOWN: 2, Hind-ER 3, Chilly (Chile) 4, Ho.-t 5, Medes 6, Just-ice 7, Itch 8, Full up 12, Dr W-h-o 13, Steps 14, Laker 15, H-a-bit 16, Meter 18, Spe-E-d 19, Stay put 21, Rising 22, Majors 23, Coward 25, Seats 26,Tu-R-n 28,Tea.

EASY
ACROSS: 1, Dross 6, Essay 9, Context 10, Ascot 11, Point 12, Below 13, Adhered 15, One 17, Lees 18, Beings 19, Beard 20, Eaglet 22, Cede 24, Roe 25, Overtax 26, State 27, Steal 28, Pause 29, Leveret 30, Asses 31,Tell.
DOWN: 2, Reside 3, Scores 4, Sot 5, Steed 6, Exposed 7, Stow 8, Awning 12, Beret 13, Alter 14, Hedge 15, Onset 16, Essex 18, Brave 19, Beetles 21, Aortas 22, Create 23, Damsel 25, Otter 26, Sale 28, Pet.

Wknd. FASHION

Your lipstick should match with your saree border or jewellery shade - it instantly ties the whole look together

LIPSTICK TRICK

WEEKEND LIFESTYLE FEATURE

KOHL-RIMMED EYES

Nothing completes a traditional saree-look like bold, kohl-rimmed eyes. Use kajal generously along the waterline and smudge slightly for softness. Pair with winged eyeliner to add depth. Keep lips in warm tones - deep red, maroon or nude brown - for balance while maintaining a timeless Indian aesthetic.

BINDI AND HIGHLIGHTER

A small bindi instantly enhances the ethnic charm of your look. Pair it with a subtle glow - highlight the cheekbones, nose and brow bone for a dewy finish. This balances tradition with a modern edge, ensuring your face looks radiant without overshadowing the saree's detailing.

Festive flairs

These stars dish out cues on traditional fashion for this festive season. **Shilpi Madan** does a style check

Shraddha Kapoor

shows how to add sparkle! The actress dazzles in a silver tissue saree and pairs it with a fully embellished blouse. Keeping it simple and effortless, she accessorises her look with stone jewellery, and gets the game going on with a heart-shaped mini bag.

Traditional **Trends**

With the festive season setting in, bring out the splendour of your traditional weaves to celebrate the saree. Here's a look at some stars flaunting their traditional wear, at their glamorous best, teaming up with accessories.

Kiara Advani

demonstrates how you keep it modern and stylish, draping a rani-pink saree with floral embroidery on the pallu. She pairs the drape with an off-white blouse with matching floral patterns. She's styled her hair in a wavy hairdo, giving it a modern touch, and accessorised her look with huge jhumkas.

Janhvi Kapoor

stuns in a heavy drape featuring heavy embellishments all across and layered strings around the borders of her sleeves. Keeping it loaded with accessories, she tops her look with heavy traditional jewellery and serves major traditional fashion goals.

Kriti Sanon

sets the glam quotient high, donning a bright pink saree with a thin border. Letting the drape speak volumes, she simply accessorises with a showstopping chained neckpiece, adding elegance to her appearance.

Pragya Jaiswal

shows how you keep it fresh and stylish in a lemon-yellow saree with dangling details around the borders. She pairs it with a worked-up blouse with noodle straps. Keeping it effortless, she tops the ensemble with minimal accessories, making it more appealing.

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WEEKEND LIFESTYLE FEATURE

RISK OF WATER BORNE INFECTIONS

This is the season for water-borne diseases. A simple way to keep them away is to drink only boiled or bottled water. Wash hands often. Ensure you don't touch food without first washing and drying your hands thoroughly. These simple measures can save you from some painful infections.

HYDRATION IS THE KEY

The days may be cloudy and cool. Yet, you need plenty of hydration. Drinking at least two litres of water daily will flush out toxins and help you stay energised through the day. If you are exercising, ensure you keep sipping water throughout just as you would do in the summer months.

Monsoon **Ready**

Eat right

A balanced diet is the best immunity booster in this season. Go for light meals, avoiding oily and deep-fried foods as much as possible. It is said that heavy meals are relatively difficult to digest during the humid weather conditions. Freshly-cooked and hot meals are advisable if you are eating out.

ENSURE HYGIENE

This is a time for fungal infections. If you are exposed to rain wash thoroughly once you get home. Keep your body, especially your feet, dry to prevent fungal infections during the monsoon season. Change wet clothes as soon as possible. Headgear to keep your hair dry is a good idea.

PROTECTION FROM RAIN

If you need to move around outdoors daily, carry a raincoat or umbrella to protect yourself from rain, even if it is only a light drizzle. Getting wet in the rain and staying exposed to the cool breeze is an invitation to cold and fever. It is advisable to wear a mask in crowded places.

Prevent stagnant water

Do not allow fresh rainwater to stagnate around your house. These puddles are breeding grounds for mosquitoes that cause dengue and chikungunya. These infections tend to spike during this season. Use mosquito repellents and a net while you sleep. Mosquito-borne diseases can be painful.

BOOST YOUR IMMUNITY

There's nothing like your kitchen garden to boost your immune system naturally. Herbs such as ginger, garlic, turmeric etc have medicinal properties. Make them a part of your daily diet to boost your natural resistance to infections. Include these herbs in your daily food as flavour enhancers.

What's up, matcha?

This 'green tea therapy' is finding its way to more than just the cuppa that cheers, says **Ikyatha Yerasala**

Matcha latte

Matcha cake

Tea Time

From the latest hotspots in Indiranagar to the new trending cafes in JP Nagar, matcha mania has taken over in the city. Matcha, a finely ground green powder made from specially-grown and processed green tea leaves, has its origins in Japan. Having been used for Centuries in traditional tea ceremonies, matcha is now finding its way to Indian kitchens where it's being offered in the form of lattes, cheesecakes, protein balls, noodles and more.

So, what's so likable about matcha that it's gotten so many people going gaga over it?

Pratishtha Rawat, founder of a wellness brand, states the matcha movement isn't just hype, but is a reflection of what people are craving for today - calm energy and functional wellness. "Matcha checks all the boxes. It's rich in antioxidants, supports focus without the caffeine crash and has a unique, earthy flavour that elevates both sweet and savoury recipes. But beyond the benefits, there's something deeply grounding about the preparation – whisking and the intention that it slows you down. That ritualistic element is what I believe has made it a staple in modern wellness and culinary spaces", says Pratishtha.

With younger millennials and Gen Z leaning towards wellness trends and ready to spend money and try new things, clinical nutritionist and food consultant Gauravi Vinay says, "Matcha has a lot of health benefits. It has L-Theanine which is an amino acid that's calming and relaxing. It can help you sleep better when consumed responsibly. It has caffeine but the release is slow compared to coffee, so you get increased energy but in a slow, sustained manner. It's also great for your gut and skin".

Matcha is also a viral trend that you'd spot often on Instagram where influencers are posting shades of green in the form of diverse dishes - from matcha lattes and croissants to pancakes and soba noodles. Parineeta Prasad, a PR and Brand Strategist, had her first rendezvous with matcha during a Japanese tea ceremony. "Tea masters from Japan conducted the ceremony, offering us insights into traditional Japanese culture. The hosts prepared matcha in front of us and served it in traditional Japanese tea bowls. That's when I became a matcha fan. I've made it a point to try matcha wherever I could. At the time, it wasn't as widely available as it is today", says Parineeta who picks the Matcha Tender Coconut Fizz, a drink she relished as one of her favourites.

Whether you're sipping it in a bar, slurping it in a bubbly tea or watching a cute green swirl on your friend's 'Gram, know that matcha is here to stay.

A delicacy with matcha and raspberries

AI makes skincare smarter

Diagnosis is more accurate and treatment can be better personalised with AI, writes **Dr Mukta Sachdev**

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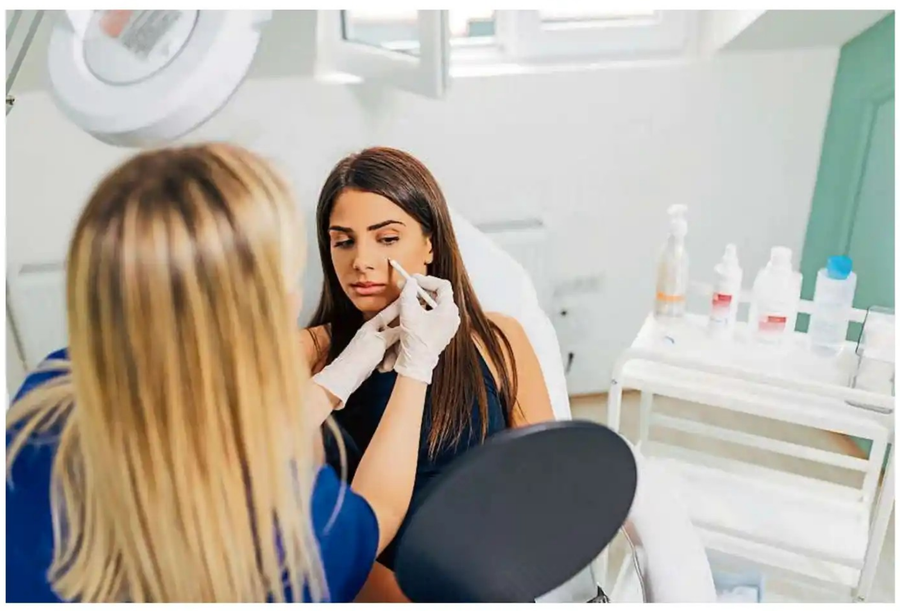

Artificial intelligence (AI) is rapidly changing the way skin conditions are diagnosed and treated. In dermatology and cosmetic care, AI-powered tools are helping both doctors and patients get quicker, more accurate and more personalised results.

Skin is the body's largest organ and can show early signs of health problems, aging or environmental damage. However, diagnosing skin issues can be difficult because of the wide variety of skin types, conditions and appearances. This is where AI can help - not to replace the dermatologist, but to assist by providing detailed analysis and support.

Many modern skin devices now use AI to examine high-quality images of the skin. These systems are trained on large databases of skin conditions and can detect patterns that may be too subtle for the human eye. This technology is useful in identifying common skin problems like acne, pigmentation and rosacea, as well as more serious issues like early skin cancer.

In cosmetic dermatology, AI tools are being used to assess skin age, sun damage, pores and wrinkles. Based on this analysis, treatments are tailored to suit each person's unique skin. This level of personalisation helps patients get better results and avoid unnecessary or ineffective treatments.

AI is also playing a major role in making dermatology more accessible. Through tele-dermatology, patients can take pictures of their skin at home using smartphones or special devices. These images are analysed by AI software to provide a basic assessment, which can then be reviewed by a dermatologist. This is especially helpful for people living in remote areas or those who can't easily visit a clinic.

Another exciting use of AI is in developing personalised skincare routines. Some Apps and devices can recommend specific products based on skin type, lifestyle and environment. In professional treatments, AI can also guide machines like lasers or radiofrequency devices to adjust settings in real time, making procedures safer and more effective.

However, it's important to understand that AI is not perfect. It relies on the data it is trained on. If that data doesn't include a wide range of skin tones or conditions, the AI may not perform well for everyone. That's why developers and doctors need to work together to ensure these tools are fair, safe and tested properly.

Also, AI should not replace a visit to the dermatologist. A computer can analyse images, but only a trained professional can understand the full picture, including patient history, symptoms and physical exams. The human touch, experience and judgment are still essential in both medical and cosmetic dermatology.

Looking to the future, AI will likely become even more advanced. We may see more wearable skin trackers, AI-guided home treatments and tools that combine data from genetics and the skin microbiome to offer even more accurate care. Used wisely, AI can make skincare smarter, quicker and more personalised.

Ultimately, the future of skin health lies not in man versus machine, but in man and machine - working together to bring about better, smarter and more inclusive dermatologic care.

(The author is a consultant dermatologist)

A night of food, fun and laughter for the kids

Shilpi Madan has some tips to help you host a sleepover at home the kids won't forget

Night Out

As your children grow up, you find yourself hosting sleepovers and planning the food, and WhatsApp groups to stay connected with other parents. Here is your superstar guide to creating a successful sleep-in with juniors at your home.

Away with screens

If you wish to have the little people off the screens, encourage putting away all gadgets and bring out the board games. Work up the music and conversation for a lively vibe. Bring in the pack of cards, Scrabble and Pictionary, word games and spin-a-yarn to get them going.

If space permits, bring in the basketball, or even hula hoops for a dot of fun and laughter. The idea isn't to play the class monitor, but to get them off the iPads and smartphones.

Stack up on snacks

Midnight munchies work beautifully. Bring in the crispies and cold cuts, the nibbles and sweet picks in flavours including chocolate and vanilla. Keep the finger foods flowing in both vegetarian and non-vegetarian options with potato smiley, fish finger, cheese stick and chicken nuggets flowing in.

The dessert is the highlight of the evening for the children so make sure you have the scoops going in multiple flavours and toppings the kids can choose from.

Light up

Cool, whacky inclusions in light fixtures and fun lamp shades get the mood going for giggles and drama. Create cosy nooks with bean bags and low stools, easy rugs and comfortable bedcovers. Colourful pillowcases and blankies set the mood for a slumber party.

If you choose a theme – whether it is superhero or safari - weave in the colours in keeping with the flow.

Keep handy

A small hand towel as takeaway and soft toys if your children are very young go a long way in easing out squabbles. Balloons and bubbles bring in the infectious laughter as does a mini treasure hunt with hidden clues. Be ingenious in terms of whopping up glamping or creating teams to play games to get the rhythm going.

Breakfast in

Make sure you have a spread ready at the breakfast table, if you wish to win the crown of the best slumber party parent-host. Go for pancakes and waffles with maple syrup, eggs and smoothies with chip choc infusions to win those sunshine smiles and get ready to bid the kids adieu with a yummy send off.

Monsoon ready!

Some tips to ensure your make-up doesn't run in the rain

- Always start with a mattifying, waterproof primer. It controls oil, reduces shine and helps make-up stay intact even in humid, rainy weather
- Swap heavy foundations for tinted moisturisers or BB creams. They are breathable, won't cake and stay put longer in moisture-heavy conditions
- Choose waterproof kajal, eyeliner and mascara. Regular ones smudge easily even in a light drizzle or humidity, while waterproof formulae lock in definition
- Use cream-based blush and eyeshadows instead of powder. They blend seamlessly and last longer without streaking in damp weather
- Go for matte liquid lipsticks that don't transfer easily. Glossy or creamy finishes tend to bleed and fade faster in the rain
- Seal everything with a long-lasting setting spray. It creates a protective layer that holds make-up in place despite sweat or showers

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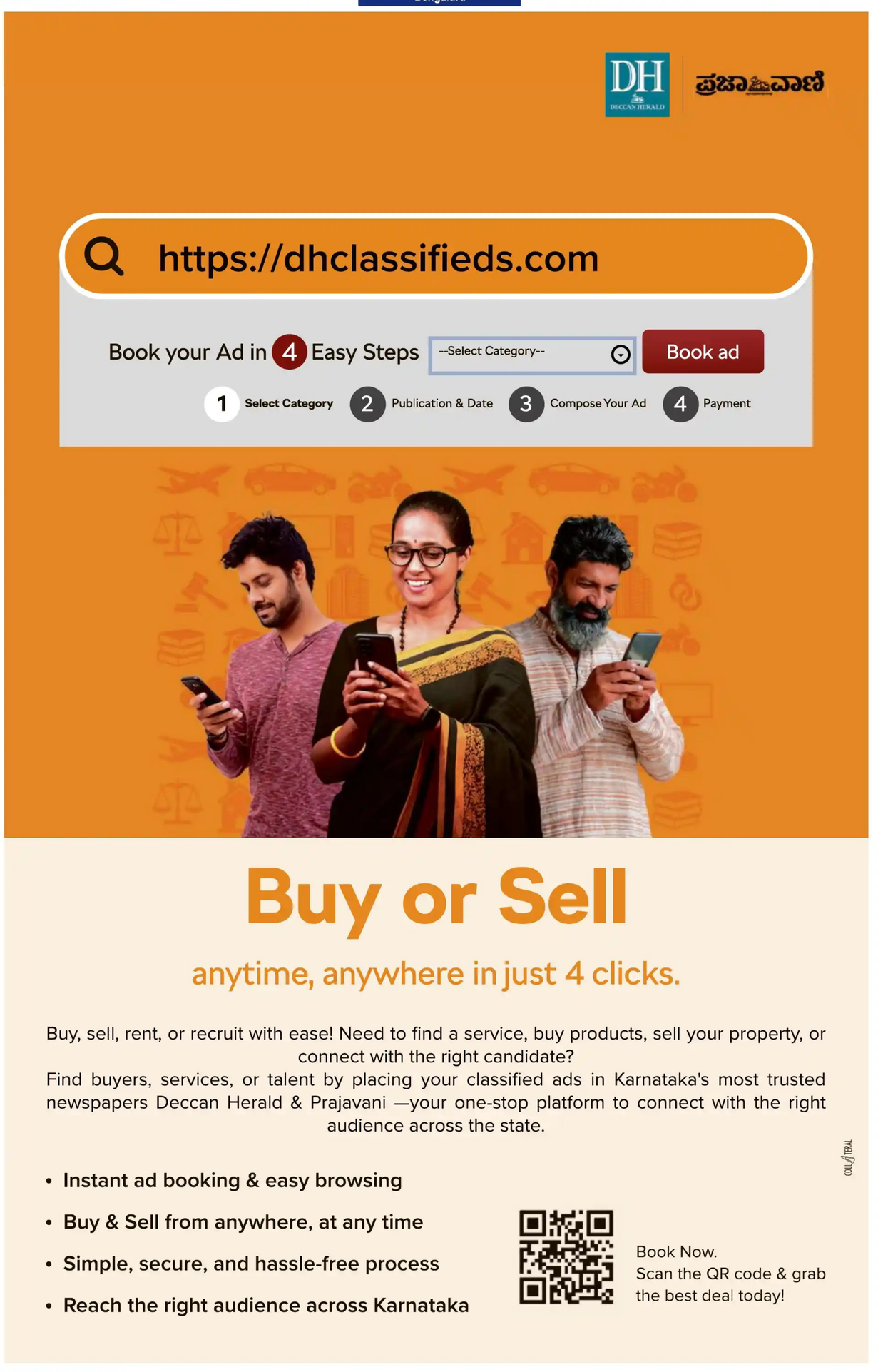
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